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"THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL."

[The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.]

German Art Treasures.

The suggestion is made to us—and we heartily approve of it—that Germany should be compelled to hand over the whole of her art treasures, on account of the indemnity. After all, the bulk of them originated in loot!

Veering Round.

When the Hulton press begins to kick, the Government is, indeed, in a bad way! Here is the *Daily Sketch* telling us that "if it hadn't been for those Fourteen Points we should have had immediate surrender on the part of Germany." We wish that, like ourselves, they had said it at the time.

Something Good from America.

"When you have something to say, think twice before you say it—and *then say it to yourself.*" That motto should be hung up in a prominent place in the House of Commons.

Alien Jurors.

Let every person who is a party to any legal proceedings where a jury is empanelled remember that, under the "Bottomley Clause" of the Aliens' Restriction Act, he has the right to object to any foreigner sitting upon it.

Theological Terminology.

Mr. Wimperis is responsible, in his new revue, "Just Fancy," for the question "What is an atheist?"—and the reply "One who doesn't believe in Mr. Bottomley." We presume we are personally Unitarian—as we undoubtedly believe in ourselves.

The Reason Why.

From *The Country Gentleman* (Philadelphia):—"Soviet Russia will not allow itself to be used as a dumping-ground for agitators from America." So *that* is the reason why they are exporting them to Ireland!

Pit Ponies.

We are glad to have the assurance of the Home Secretary that, as soon as the necessary plant for mechanical transport can be obtained, there will be a considerable reduction in the employment of ponies underground. Most of our readers would be willing to work night and day to expedite delivery of that plant.

Post Office Profiteering.

If there be remitted to you from the United States the sum of five dollars, through a bank, you receive about £1 8s.; if through the Post Office, about £1. The excuse is that St. Martin's Office is bound by the pre-war rate of exchange! But when they send money out for you they charge extra, "to protect the Post Office against loss." Come, Mr. Illingworth!

"Missing" Men.

We are far from satisfied that there are not many British prisoners still in Turkey. We must press the Government on the point.

Tramways.

There is a growing feeling that, speaking generally, the tramway has become an obsolete institution, and promoters of schemes for new lines will find little sympathy in the House of Commons.

Quite Willing.

In an interview with Mr. St. John Ervine, in the *Observer*, he says: "I wish the Government would send Mr. Bottomley to occupy Germany. In this way they would inflict a dreadful burden upon the Germans." We quite agree.

New Titles.

Were it not for our inborn, congenital modesty we should be constantly requiring larger hats, to fit our swollen head. "Member for the British Isles," one reader calls us—and "Member for France" comes from Paris!

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A Step Forward.

Writing in the *Welsh Outlook*, Principal Rees, of Bangor, says: "The war has eliminated the Nonconformist conscience from British politics, and has replaced it with JOHN BULL." Nothing can stop the march of progress!

Those Hunger Strikers.

We have no desire to jeer at the Irishmen who, through honest conviction, were prepared to sacrifice their lives in prison rather than submit to British authority, but whoever *was* responsible for supplying the *Daily Mail's* photograph of Mr. Shanahan, M.P., taken in hospital, after his release? A more robust specimen of a starving man we have never seen.

Alien Pests.

We beg to refer the Home Secretary to the observations of Mr. Rooth, the Thames Police Court Magistrate, on the evils of the alien invasion by men who "possess no loyalty to the flag under which they enjoy comforts and freedom unknown in the countries of their own origin, and who habitually lie and suborn to perjury." These creatures should receive Shortt shrift.

The Empty Cup.

According to the American publication *Jim Jam Gems*, Britain has "drunk deep of the cup of war's loot called indemnities." We are afraid we shall have to go very deep into that cup to find any of that indemnity mixture!

M.P.s' Salaries.

There can be no question that a strong case has been made out by members like Mr. Stanton and Col. John Ward for an increase of pay. A reasonable compromise would be a free railway pass, franking of letters and an allowance for expenses.

Compliments from Canada.

We have to acknowledge a flattering Open Letter, addressed to us in the columns of our Canadian contemporary *Jack Canuck*, congratulating us upon being "the one public man in Great Britain who is not afraid to speak the truth about the United States." There will be more of us shortly.

Divorce Law Reform.

We regret that a public engagement in Shropshire prevented our being present during the recent debate on Mr. Rendall's Divorce Law motion—but even had it been carried by an overwhelming majority, there is not the faintest chance of the proposed reforms becoming law during the present Parliament.

Trades Union Votes.

Have you ever thought of the extent to which "Trades Union" votes are duplicated? It's like this: The Labour Party Conference includes the Fabian Society, the British Socialist Party, and various other bodies, and many Trades Unionists are members of all of them, and vote for each. What a game!

Th Deutschland.

The great German submarine monster is about to quit the Thames, and, after being overhauled, will make for Ramsgate, where she is due to be on exhibition on May 20th—just in time for Whitsun. After that, Folkestone, Brighton, then straight away to Blackpool. So now you know where to arrange your holidays!

Ships and Coal.

In a recent article we asked why shipping has been signally favoured in the matter of coal "at the expense of others with equal or greater claims." And now a big firm of shippers tells us that the proper form of question should have been: "Why should the ship-owning industry be singled out to pay a tax in order to subsidise every other industry?" What confusing things figures are, to be sure!

Local Limerick.

(*Dissatisfied with their present wages, the dustmen of Fulham are demanding £4 a week.*)

There once were some dustmen of Fulham,
So expert that no one could gull'em;
"Pay us four quid a week,"
They cried in a shriek,
"Or your dustbins we'll surely annul 'em!"

Broken Promises.

There being no local clerks available, the Army Pay Office at Lichfield engaged men from other districts, undertaking to pay their railway fares. This promise, it appears, has never been kept. Men earning the paltry wage of £2 15s. weekly are thus compelled to find out of their own pocket as much as 5s. and 6s. a week. They should at once be reimbursed this expense since the time they were engaged, and given a regular allowance for the future.

A Sad Affair.

According to the St. Andrews *Citizen*, a reward of £1 is offered for the recovery of an umbrella lost as long ago as February 29th. The circumstances are sad in the extreme. "£1 Reward Offered," we read, "for Pearl-and Gold-handled umbrella, taken from Christian Institute on Sabbath evening, 29th February." It reminds one of the late Lord Salisbury's alleged fear for the members' umbrellas when the Bishops were admitted to the Athenæum Club.

"Government Currants."

Last Spring the Government fixed the retail price of currants at 10d. per lb., but left the trade free to buy and sell as they pleased. In consequence, supplies were large and of good quality. Later, however, they decided to become the sole buyers, and operating right and left put the price up from 10d. to 1s. 2d. In consequence, vast quantities of almost uneatable fruit have been imported, and until it has been unloaded on a long-suffering public there is small chance of the fine quality currants, of which there are still large stocks in Greece, finding their way to this country.

Too Bad.

There is a good deal of dissatisfaction with the way in which the Boilermakers' Union has treated some of its members who served in the Army. One poor fellow—passed for military service in the A1 category, and now, as he says, "C2 or something worse"—finds himself excluded from all benefits on the purely technical ground that he failed to notify the Secretary when he joined the Colours. Yet the officials evidently knew the man was in the Army, more than one Society notice having been sent to him during his period of enlistment. Such treatment is not nearly good enough.

A War Widow.

Mrs. Steptoe, of Defford, was ordered at Pershore Petty Sessions to vacate her cottage within 28 days. Now she happens to be a war widow with four children. All her neighbours, as well as the local clergyman, bear witness to her unceasing efforts to secure another cottage, but without avail. She was advised, in Court, to place her children in various Homes. So it amounts to this: a loving wife, having first lost her husband in the war, is next expected, as a loving mother, to lose her children by way of further sacrifice. The Order to leave her home was made without one word of sympathy, and the Pershore Bench stands condemned for its heartlessness.

"Money Back."

Readers who think of buying surplus Army goods from Currie's Stores, 29, Downing Street, Manchester, on the understanding of an advertised "Money Back Guarantee," are hereby cautioned. The firm eventually return the cash for an unsatisfactory purchase, but judging from our information they are, to say the least, in no unseemly hurry.

More Gas.

Our references to the price of gas have elicited from various parts of the country complaints of exorbitant charges, but up to the present we are inclined to hand the biscuit to the Gas Company of Petworth, Sussex, whose figure, we are informed, has risen within twelve months from 7s. 11d. to 12s. 6d. per 1,000 feet. It would be interesting to know the amount of profit earned last year by this Company.

The "Spanish Prisoner."

It is wonderful what vicissitudes the hoary old "Spanish Prisoner" survives. He is now asking gulls to believe that he is at present lying in prison in Pamplona, Spain, in consequence of bankruptcy, and offers a third share of a mythical "32,000 sterling pounds" (which he has "in banknotes in a trunk which is deposited at an english railway station") to the mug who will pay the expenses of his trial. We had hoped that the war had killed the old fraud.

Parsons in School.

Without expressing any opinion upon Mr. Fisher's new proposals for religious instruction in elementary schools, we do strongly desire to see the elimination of clerical influence from the sphere of education. The system under which, especially in country districts, the local clergy and their friends are allowed constantly to interfere with the conduct of the schools, is one which not only militates against educational efficiency, but frequently robs the teachers of all interest in their work by depriving them of their just authority.

British Barred.

A well-known music-hall artist and author tells us that, having written a comedy scenario for the films, he sent it to various producers. We are not concerned with its suitability or otherwise—nor, evidently, were the producers, for their rule has been to return it unopened, with the polite intimation that "there is no sale for British comedies." This boycott and discouragement of native art and talent is distressing and disconcerting, and contradicts recent protests by the cinema trade that its preference is for British work.

Face.

Mr. Frederick Potter, of Bay House, Priory Plain, Great Yarmouth, has a face. Because of said face he advertises in a Northampton paper: "Business, £25. Guaranteed Weekly Profit, £5-£10." In a duplicated typewritten circular he informs applicants, among other things, that "For the £25 you will receive this information: Where to buy. What to buy. How to sell. When you know this you can start, and in a week's time will be earning pounds and each week after. I shall be pleased to give you any information, if needed, without of course giving away my secret. It is only when you have paid the £25 you will receive that." If it is possible to thrive on fools, Mr. Frederick Potter seems likely to do it.

Nickel for Niggers.

The West Coast "boys" are on strike for small change. They go into market to spend, say, 3d. or 6d. They tender 1s. (paper). but they have to spend the whole sum because the people in the market have no small change (3d. or 6d.), and very few African pennies or ha'pennies; and while they would give change if they had it, they naturally will not part with all their small coin. On account of this trouble, we are told, millions of tons of shipping are lying idle on the West African coast.

A Public Defender.

As our readers are aware, we have repeatedly advocated the appointment of a Public Defender. It may be news to some that such an official has existed in Edinburgh since 1900, in the shape of the Edinburgh Legal Dispensary, an association upheld by voluntary contributions. Amongst its officers is a "Defensor in the Police Courts," who during the last year conducted 183 cases of varying gravity. What Edinburgh thus does on a voluntary basis should be made an integral part of our English judicial system.

The Devilish Hun.

On the departure of the Germans after the Armistice from the historic village of Waterloo, one of the brutes quartered in the house occupied by the parents of little René Peeters, then a boy of nine, borrowed the child's paint-box. After the Huns had left, René, on partially opening it, noticed a small brass tube inside. Before he could put the box down it exploded, shattering his hand, which had to be amputated. The correspondent who forwards us a pathetic photograph depicting the boy's maimed condition, thinks it may be of interest at a time when appeals are being made to "save the German children."

Unconscionable.

Possibly thinking hard of what our late notable friend, Charles Lamb, called "Everybody's Day Out," one W. Willsenach, Gautzsch b. Leipsig, is sending to this country, under date 1st April, printed matter concerning an article designed to lighten the work of the Registrar of Births. This contrivance is being offered to British chemists and druggists. It appears also that "hairdressing saloons, travellers, ladies, and gentlemen are gaining immense money by dealing with this article." W. Willsenach must be looking ahead for the next war. The fewer the British, the more the Huns. And yet we were not going to trade with the Devil for ten years at least!

Unpatriotic Nonsense.

The scribe who contributes the "London Clubman's Gossip" to the Glasgow *Bulletin* seems to be trying to do his best to cause bad blood between ourselves and our gallant Allies the French. Because France, with the memory of two wars against a treacherous foe, is alive to the dangers of Germany's military revival, this "Clubman" deduces that "the French must quickly alter their whole attitude," if differences with ourselves "are not to be serious and frequent." The writer clearly shows where his real sympathies lie by his plea for Germany—"The most industrious and commercially ingenious people in Europe must be given a fair chance of recovery." Thank goodness, no responsible journal speaks like this!

Local Limerick.

(*Applying at West Ham Police Court for a summons against her husband, a woman said he had stood her on her head and hit her in the face.*)

There once was a chap of West Ham,
For his wifey he cared not a damn;
On her head he did stand her,
And roughly mishand her,
That's why she thought marriage a sham

Drink.

It is written by Solomon the King, "Give strong drink unto him that is ready to perish, and wine unto those that be of heavy heart; let him drink and forget his poverty and remember his misery no more." Which is all very well as far as it goes; but if the profiteering Pussyfooters inside the Cabinet continue to put up the prices at the present rate it is going to cost him a bit.

Ingratitude.

"The special rate of tax for Income Tax relief in the case of soldiers and others must now cease." This is rank ingratitude, and we hope the Chancellor of the Exchequer will think better of it. These special concessions are at best but a trifling and mean recognition of their sacrifices; to abolish them for the sake of £2,000,000 a year can be regarded only as yet another instance of the ease and readiness with which our statesmen forget.

Profiteers in Paradise.

Any tradesman pining to profiteer should settle at Teignmouth. Eighty-one summonses for overcharges were heard the other day and results were merely humorous. Five cases regarding pork sausages met with a fine of 2s. 6d. each, the matter of costs being deferred. Twenty-one similar cases against another defendant also realised a merry half-dollar apiece. But the climax came when eleven overcharges for jam, marmalade, and salmon were punished by fines of only 1s. Truly a paradise for profiteers.

In Camera.

One of our readers urges us to promote legislation for the abolition of private slaughter-houses and the substitution of public abattoirs with compulsory use of humane killers. Unfortunately Bottomley, Palmer & Co., Ltd., are not the whole House; only some of it. The Government don't do the rest, and won't allow anybody else to do it. That apart, much is to be said on grounds of humanity for what may be called public killing with adequate official inspection. We are willing to believe that most private slaughtermen are humane; but there are others.

"Made in Germany."

Herr Albert Schlegelmilch, of Berlin, is a typical Hun, who not content with impudently puffing, on the ground of cheapness, his self-termed "thermometer of fever" and other glass instruments, asks British firms to break the law and swindle the public in the bargain. "Neutral packing. *Country of origin and manufacturer are mentioned only on special desire,*" says the gaudily-printed circular which our Post Office is apparently delivering broadcast. Herr Schlegelmilch has the further effrontery to add, "the Englishman, the American, in the whole, every thinking business-man, provides himself to-day in Germany." We trust the response to his touting will convince him of the contrary.

Starving the Superannuated.

It will come as a shock to the travelling public to learn that some 5,000 superannuated railway clerks, of an average age of 70 years and of between 40 and 50 years' service, are in receipt of less than £3 a week—equal, roughly, to a third of that sum before the war. What a reward for long and faithful work.

A Shylock War Office.

A British subject abroad, hearing the call in 1914, came home at his own expense and joined up. Demobilised in 1919, he sent in a claim for the cost of his passage (£45) plus 5 per cent. interest. In return he received from the War Office a cheque for £44 17s. 5d., the interest claimed having been deleted—instead, the sum of 2s. 7d. was actually deducted to cover "Correspondence"! Could meanness go much farther?

An Hotel's Gall.

There is an hotel at Torquay where visitors find stuck to their bill every week a notice printed in flaming red ink. It states: "The staff of this hotel (waiters, chambermaids, and porters) are not paid the union rate of wages and are therefore entitled to expect the usual weekly gratuity from visitors." If the hotel, as it confesses, fails to pay its staff the proper wage, it strikes us as colossal impertinence to cast the burden on its patrons.

A Messenger to Mars.

A signalman on a Scottish railway line is known locally as "Prophet Christine of Cathcart." What perturbs him just now is the American notion of firing a man to Mars like a rocket. Mr. Christine thinks he is the proper chap to go. But, he says, his occult knowledge tells him there is at present a barrier around the planet, though he is also certain, through intercourse with the unknown, that the said barrier will be removed in nine years' time. So the Prophet proposes to postpone his experiment for that period. In this, at least, he is wise.

The Cushy Musician.

Once more we hear the old grouse; this time from a gentleman of Tufnell Park. As he puts it, there are over 400 men in the bands of the Household Guards Brigade. Nearly all of them hold permanent engagements in music halls and cinemas in London, in addition to drawing full Army pay and allowances—which under the new scale in most cases amount to £3 or £4 a week—to say nothing of fees for playing at private and other special functions. The Guards therefore have the equivalent of two jobs, while many civilian musicians have no job; the which it must be admitted is a bad job.

Luggage in Advance.

It is time somebody connected with the Ministry of Transport made a decision with respect to luggage in advance. Admittedly this is a great boon to the public in the holiday season, as well as a considerable assistance in the working of railway traffic. Present methods of handling passenger luggage are expensive and inconvenient. If it is the set purpose of the Ministry to discourage holiday travel by every means in their power, then of course the more they incommode and aggravate and mulct the public the more successful they are likely to be. Luggage in advance was a boon and a blessing.

Aliens in Hotels.

It seems pretty evident that the foreign gentry are swarming back to many of our hotels. Frequently the alien is made manager, head waiter, or placed in a position equally authoritative, and his first move is towards freezing out the British members of the staff, male and female. The best way to counteract such a design is for patrons severely to boycott any hotel where it is in progress.

Tuberculous Cattle.

We are by no means satisfied with the existing precautions against the slaughter and sale of tuberculous cattle. From reports reaching us through confidential channels, it appears that the risks to which the public are exposed in this connection are far greater than is commonly understood, and we suggest that the time has come when the whole subject should be reviewed by the Ministry of Health.

Pensioned Parsons.

It is not only that the Ecclesiastical Commissioners pension the parsons meanly—think of a man having to maintain a religious aspect towards his fellows on £75 a year!—but the Commissioners impose the condition that the pensioned parson must not take occasional work anywhere except in his late parish. He is thus excluded from the chance of earning a few extra guineas a year to keep his immortal soul this side of Jordan. It is very hard cheddar indeed, and if our sympathy is of any use to him, he is hereby assured of it.

Who's Who.

By the way, the Man in the Street is usually a bit foggy about the identity of said Commissioners. They include two Archbishops, the 37 Bishops, the Deans of Canterbury, St. Paul's and Westminster, the Lord Chancellor, the Lord President of the Council, the First Lord of the Treasury, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Lord Chief Justice, the Master of the Rolls, and two Judges of the Admiralty Division. Despite appearances, it is evident they are no better than they should be.

Sweating at Havant.

The duties of the Caretaker and Attendant at the Town Hall, Havant, include eleven separate items, from "cleaning the rooms before and after each entertainment" to "recording in a Dairy (*sic*) each occasion upon which the Town Hall is used." It appears to be a two-handed job, applications being invited from married couples, and the joint salary attached to the position is £40 per annum. "Quarters are not provided" and there are "no extra fees or emoluments." The intention, no doubt, is to exploit the labour of an ex-Service man with a pension. Havant should be ashamed.

"British" Musicians.

The British Music Society, which is holding a much-boomed congress, seems to have made a mistake over its name. The principal event is an orchestral concert at Queen's Hall, in which not only is the greater part of the music foreign, but the "star turn" is a German work, Strauss's "Heldenleben." At least one distinguished British musician, Mr. Granville Bantock, himself a member of the Society, has entered his emphatic protest against this procedure. Why, he asks, should the large extra expense on instruments needed only for this German work be incurred? Why, indeed?

CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This page is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To the Rt. Hon. D. Lloyd George, M.P.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—That public money should not be used for Party purposes is a principle that will, I am sure, command your prompt agreement. I am bound to say, however, that some of your present arrangements are open to serious criticism. It appears that nearly every Government Department has on its staff a number of tame journalists whose business it is to supply the Press with ready-made views upon topics of current controversy, while in some instances documents of a frankly partisan nature find their way to Fleet Street at the expense of the Treasury. I cannot of course speak for other editors, but personally I do not want my waste-paper basket filled at the cost of the taxpayer. JOHN BULL.

To Lord Sandhurst, St. James's Palace.

DEAR LORD CHAMBERLAIN,—In the name both of Art and Commonsense I congratulate you on removing your ban on three of the six plays to be produced in London by those distinguished French actors, M.M. Lucien and Sacha Guitry. Both these gentlemen have been looking forward, as has the British playgoer, to their English *début*, and it would have been unfortunate if they had been obliged to mutilate their season owing to your dislike of dramas which, to quote M. Lucien Guitry, have in France "only been objected to by the stupid." By the way, I understand that one of the three plays originally censored by your Department, "La Prise de Berg-op-Zoom," had already been produced in London, without injury to our morals. However, all's well that ends well. JOHN BULL.

To George Green, Esq., J.P., Lord Mayor of Norwich.

MY LORD MAYOR,—I am afraid I cannot congratulate the Norwich City Council upon the wisdom of the arrangement by which it is proposed to acquire the undertaking of the City of Norwich Water Works Company for £450,000. With the city water supply in private hands, the ratepayers enjoy the benefit of the Acts of Parliament limiting the Company's profits; but as soon as the enterprise is acquired by the Corporation this guarantee of cheap water will disappear, while at the same time the public will have to shoulder the huge capital outlay involved. The rates in Norwich being already within a few pence of 20s. in the £, the outlook is not a happy one, and it is to be hoped that the Parliamentary Bill embodying these extravagant proposals will be closely scrutinised.

JOHN BULL.

To C. A. McCurdy, Esq., M.P., Food Controller.

DEAR MCCURDY,—I note that in abolishing control prices for jam, you hope that retail prices will remain "on a reasonable basis." I seem to have heard that pious wish before. Margarine and tea, amongst other necessities, were, as the result of competition, to have gone down in price after being freed from control; but if you are under any delusion that this desirable state of affairs actually exists, Mrs. McCurdy can promptly undeceive you. She will also be able to give you some valuable information on the milk, butter and egg "ramps." If the jam makers are paying more than double for their sugar than when official rates were settled, it would have been better to have fixed higher prices than to abolish control. I shall keep my eye on you to see that you keep *your* eye on the manufacturers, as per promise.

JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman, Itchen Urban District Council.

SIR,—There seems to be a good deal of hanky-panky in regard to the rates in your district, and I should be obliged if you would favour me with a word of explanation. I am told, for instance, that in the Sholing district there are people who have paid no rates for years—the warrants issued against them from time to time being, for some mysterious reason, never put into force. This statement rests, not upon idle rumour, but upon the word of your own Collector, who wonders who is responsible for an arrangement so lacking in the elements of common fairness. Perhaps you can tell him. JOHN BULL.

To Senator Marconi, on board Yacht "Elettra."

WIRELESS WIZARD,—I am not taking any odds on the possibility of your communicating with Mars, especially as there appears to be some considerable doubt among astronomers and other learned men as to whether that planet is inhabited at all. Moreover, similar attempts just made at Omaha, Nebraska, which claims to possess the largest wireless station in the world, have resulted only in a waste of electric current. All the same, I am interested in the "mystery signals," which have been picked up by your instruments in London and New York. Possibly we are on the eve of stupendous discoveries which may revolutionise many of our ideas. Anyway, you are providing excellent "copy." JOHN BULL.

To Alderman G. A. Solly, Magistrates' Clerk, Birkenhead.

SIR,—I suppose you thought it was a very clever thing to insult the wife of an ex-soldier appearing before the Magistrates to answer an Ejectment Summons at the instance of the Rector of Woodchurch. The couple, it appeared, had six children under 14 years of age, the husband being a labourer at the docks—yet you wanted to know why they had not bought a house, and even had the impudence to say that you "did not think much of the wife's savings while her husband was in the Army." It was unfortunate that there was no member of the Bench to voice the indignation that all decent men must have felt at your heartless behaviour. Was the Rector pleased?

JOHN BULL.

To His Excellency John Davis, United States Ambassador, 4, Grosvenor Gardens, S.W.

SIR,—I have the honour to inform you that I have received from the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People a record of barbarity by citizens of the United States which must scandalise humanity and civilisation everywhere. This record is in the form of printed matter and illustrations. The printed matter is a selection of appalling accounts of negro lynchings from United States newspapers. Last year alone it is reported that 14 negroes were burned; 31 were shot; 24 were hanged; 2 were beaten to death; 1 was cut to pieces—all for the fiendish entertainment of your countrymen in public places. From time to time, Excellency, the high-souled Senate of the United States, its still more high-souled newspapers, and not a small portion of its peerless people have busied themselves with moral lectures to this country on its internal affairs, accompanied by numerous admonitions and threats. I suggest to your Excellency that you should do everything in your power to induce your noble, unselfish compatriots to put an end within their own borders to the infamies to which I have alluded. JOHN BULL.

To W. E. Sowter, Esq., J.P., Mayor of Bedford.

WORSHIPFUL SIR,—I cannot, for the life of me, understand why you should have refused the very reasonable application recently made to you by the licensed victuallers of Bedford and the Working Men's Clubs in the district. All you were asked to do was to allow the local clubs and hostelries to keep open until 10 o'clock in the evening instead of 9.30 as at present, an alteration that would simply have brought Bedford into line with the surrounding districts and with the principal towns throughout the country. However, you saw fit to refuse the application—so if any Bedford resident wants a drink after 9.30 p.m. he will have to travel outside the borough boundaries. Was it your idea to swell the receipts of the municipal tramways? JOHN BULL.

To Ernest Bruce Charles, Esq., K.C., Recorder of Bournemouth.

DEAR RECORDER,—I am not going to say that you were too ready to accept the plea of "moral defectiveness" in the case of Ellen Hardy, a well-to-do woman charged with the theft of £226 worth of furs from a Bournemouth hotel, but I wish you could have seen your way to an equally humane decision in the case of Olive Pugh, a poor laundress convicted at the same Sessions of less ambitious thefts of clothing. As far as one can judge from the published evidence, I think the "morally defective" plea was quite as applicable to this case as to the other—and to send one woman to prison for 10 months with hard labour while the other went scot free was not in my view the acme of justice. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. E. F. Synnott, Rector of Rusper, Sussex.

REVEREND SIR,—Congratulations on your complete acquittal by the Consistory Court on all the charges which have made life such a burden to you. I note as a good omen of your future relations with your parishioners, that a pet cow which had to be sold to help defray the expenses of the trial has just been returned to you as a gift, while a Highgate sympathiser has promised a £2,000 organ for your church. I trust you have many years of happiness before you at Rusper, and that Mrs. Synnott, who has broken down under the strain of your persecution, will speedily be restored to health. By the way, I should like to see your accusers make a really adequate apology for the charges they brought against you. Best wishes,

JOHN BULL.

To Mr. Robert Rayment, Manager, The Fisheries, Malvern Road, Kilburn.

DEAR SIR,—If you change your shirt as often as you change your mind, you'll keep the laundry pretty busy. Saw a nice little girl; took her for a nice little ride; made her a nice little proposal; bought her a nice little trousseau; fixed up for her a nice little marriage; told her the evening before that you didn't mean it; left home to inform the Vicar you wouldn't do it; changed your mind on the way and did it; took your bride home and told her the following morning you were fed up with marriage; sent a solicitor to her with a separation agreement; and now that your soul is like a star and dwells apart, you say you don't like her but thought you did and changed your mind—and that's all. I suppose that when I hear from the fish shop again you'll have changed what you are pleased to call your mind—(Never mind, no matter; no matter, never mind!)—once more in order to economise her separation money. You're a queer stick anyway. JOHN BULL.

HELD UP.

PROMISED DONATION FAILS TO MATERIALISE.

On January 5th last a Boxing Tournament was held at the Corn Exchange, Nottingham. One of the items was to be a six-rounds contest between Young Landin and Les Everett. In the second round the latter was disqualified, and the M.C. and Referee announced from the ring that "Everett's money (15s.) will be sent to the Nottingham General Hospital, as he doesn't deserve it." As to whether the young boxer deserved or did not deserve the paltry sum, which was to be his "win, lose, or draw," we are not concerned at the moment. What we are interested in is the fact that, according to our latest information, the amount in question has not yet been handed by the promoters of the tournament to the Secretary of the Nottingham General Hospital. We should have thought that three months afforded ample time to remit so small a sum to the deserving charity to which it was promised.

A "RECORD" SWINDLE.

THE GREAT BLANKET BARGAIN BLUFF.

In describing themselves as "a well-known firm," the Record Drapery Company, of 41, Carlisle Street, Bradford, are well within the mark. It would not be too much to say that their name stinks from one end of the country to the other. Since the publication of a short paragraph on the matter in our issue of April 3rd, we have been inundated with complaints, most of them relating to the alleged "Blanket Sale" boomed by the Company in January last in newspaper advertisements. However, having pocketed the cash, the Direct Record Company, the proprietor of which is a Mr. N. C. Turner, was in no hurry to deliver the goods. A similar avalanche of protest seems to have descended upon the Bradford Police who, with a curious indifference to the commercial reputation of their city, have declined to intervene. There may be legal difficulties in the way of a prosecution, but our experience goes to show that the apparition of a man in blue is not without its wholesome influence upon firms operating so near the border line.

ADMIRALTY WASTE.

THROWING SALEABLE MATERIAL IN THE SEA.

After the revelations as to the difficulties which have been placed by Government Departments in the way of business men anxious to buy surplus stores and material at fair prices, it is not so very surprising to learn that officialdom goes even further by preferring to throw stores away rather than to sell them. Here is an example of this latest method of wasting the nation's money. The Admiralty is demolishing a boom across the Firth of Forth, and as this contains a large number of wire-rope nets of commercial value, an ex-soldier who since demobilisation has set up in business as a marine store dealer, offered to buy them. There is, in all, some five hundred tons of this wire netting—so that its sale, even at "scrap" price, would bring in a nice little sum. But, acting on the mysterious orders of Whitehall, the local authorities profess their inability to sell, declaring that they have instructions to dump the lot into the sea. But the real beauty of the transaction doesn't lie merely in this official disregard of the taxpayer's interests. The Admiralty have engaged a number of men to clear away the boom; if the marine store dealer's offer were accepted, he would make himself responsible for this work—instead of its being carried out at the national expense—thus releasing a boat for other and more useful duties. But the official mind prefers the wasteful method.

OUR HUNT FOR CHAMPIONS.

BY A. G. ("SMILER") HALES.

The way the young men of England are rolling up for trials is a marvel to me, when I see how the London promoters are clinging to the old names and the old antics in the ring. I cannot understand the promoters' love for the antiques—noble ruins though some of 'em may be. Why cling to them whilst Britain can claim only one World's Championship—that held by the incomparable and undefeatable Jimmy Wilde? I have got hold of a young giant, 23 years of age, six feet in height, who will fight at thirteen-stone-three. He can hit with both hands like the kick of a transport mule, and is fairly fast on his feet; he's the best big man I've seen out of about forty I have sampled. He knows quite a bit about the game, and I have him in work and pray he will prove as good a public performer as he is in private. I'd love to try him out as a star turn at the JOHN BULL Tournaments with one of the big top-notchers—say, Dick Smith, for instance; for if Smith could stand up to Carpentier for eight stern rounds it ought to make a grand fight between him and JOHN BULL'S Hercules, though he is new to the game. I'd like to hear from Dick Smith, who is admittedly the best trial horse in England.

I have another find—a light-heavy who served all through the war with the Horse Artillery. This lad is more beautifully built than Billy Wells—a perfect picture of an English athlete, a gentleman every inch of him—and I have the very best reason on earth to know that one of his left-handed punches can fill a man's eye right up from the brow to the cheek-bone. I have the same good and convincing reasons for being certain that a right-handed punch from him can lift a man clean through the ropes. He does not know much yet, but he is as fast as a greyhound, and I am having him taught a bit. If I have not got a future champion in him, I'll stand to be shot. He'll doubtless be whipped a good many times, for his very gameness courts disaster; but he has brains, speed of head, hand and foot, and he loves the job. It's a treat to watch him work, and see his enjoyment in it.

SHARP PRACTICE.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS—AND NO CHANGE.

Clever as they are, the Private Xmas Card Manufacturing Company, of 26, Blackfriars Street, Manchester, are not quite clever enough. In December last an Eltham reader sent the firm an order for greeting cards, enclosing a P.O. for 14s. 7d. However, a hitch of some sort occurred, and just before Christmas, when it was too late to obtain cards elsewhere, the Company obligingly intimated that the order had been "cancelled." They did not, however, return the money, and afterwards in the course of correspondence had the impudence to suggest that the amount received, as noted in their books, was not 14s. 7d., but 4s. 7d. only. Fortunately, the counterfoil of the P.O. had been retained, and there was thus a ready means of checking the firm's statement—the following proof being in due course obtained through the G.P.O.:—

> I have to inform you that Postal Order No.—— for 14s. was paid at the Post Office, Manchester, on 12th December, 1919, to the Royal Exchange Branch of the Union Bank of Manchester Ltd., and is stamped Private Xmas Card Co.

So that was that. A Wigan reader who had his order cancelled in a similar fashion was out-of-pocket to the extent of £1 19s. 1d., all manner of excuses having been advanced by the Company to avoid repayment. One thing we can promise these dilatory merchants: if they try the same game next Christmas, they will find their pitch queered.

SAMPLE BOOT OFFER.

BOOTS, like all other articles, can be produced at almost any price —so much depends upon the quality of material and workmanship; but when Barratt's (a firm with a reputation to uphold) offer sample pairs of full Chrome Box Calf Boots, made on the hand-sewn principle, at **30/-** a pair, post paid, that offer is worth thinking about.

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MASSAGE AND BLACKMAIL.

ASTOUNDING STORY OF A SCHEMING SCOUNDREL.

By Our Special Commissioner.

SINCE the article appeared in JOHN BULL calling the attention of the public *and the police* to the notorious Queenie Gerald and her flat at No. 9, Maddox Street, W., nothing—so far as I can ascertain—has happened; that is, the police have done nothing. Perhaps the questions which Mr. Charles Palmer, M.P., has addressed to the Home Secretary in the House of Commons, both with regard to this notorious woman and the scandal of the so-called massage establishments, may have some salutary result. But I doubt it. There is an amount of decadent vice flaunted in London to-day before which the history of Sodom and Gomorrah pales its ineffectual fires. Yet no action is taken; pollution is permitted under the very eyes of the police.

But let me say this before I deal with the astounding case of blackmail which has arisen out of the denunciation of Queenie Gerald, and the exposure of the bogus and licentious "massage" houses. It was not my purpose to denounce indiscriminately all massage establishments. Nor do I think anyone who read what I had to say would deduce any such inference from my remarks. I know full well that there are many honest persons carrying on the merciful healing by massage—notably the blind men whom St. Dunstan's has trained. Need I say that it is in the interests of the legitimate establishments, quite as much as in the determination to safeguard the public, that JOHN BULL's exposure is dictated?

And now to the gross attempt at blackmail arising out of my revelations as to the character of many so-called massage establishments in the West End. There is no more loathsome creature than the blackmailer. He is one of the most pernicious pests of Society, and he operates on the innocent equally with the guilty, for it needs more moral courage than is usually distributed among ordinary folk to stand up against the whispered innuendo, or the written charge.

It will be seen from the facsimile letter printed on this page that a person who signs himself A. Hobbs has taken advantage of our revelations in regard to bogus and degenerate "massage" houses, to attempt to extort money on the lying ground that JOHN BULL intended to attack a certain shop—and that he was in a position to stop the attack.

I need hardly say that the letter is a cruel attempt to frighten money out of an alleged offender against public morals, and that the use of the name of JOHN BULL is an outrage. But let me tell this astounding story in some detail. I have described it as "massage blackmail" because the offence has been stimulated by our exposures. But, as a matter of fact, the recipient of the letter keeps a manicure establishment. Knowing something of the public spirit which actuates JOHN BULL, the person to whom the letter was addressed at once—through a solicitor—sent it to us, and I immediately and quite easily probed the matter and unearthed the scoundrel.

When I called at No. 9, Crozier Street (note the coincidence of the 9), I found in bed a man named Charles Curzon, who admitted he knew Hobbs (a public-house companion), and that he had agreed to receive for him a telegram he was expecting. But, curiously enough, Curzon declared that he was in a position to settle for Hobbs, and then "everything would be all right." As a matter of fact, everything *was* all right, for Curzon gave himself away as scoundrels will do—however clever they may think themselves. He told me that Hobbs knew all about this particular manicure establishment, because some years ago he cleaned the windows. The rest was easy.

THE BLACKMAILING LETTER.

9 Crozier Rd
Lambeth SE1
Apl 19. 1920

Dr Madam

An article to be appear concerning your establishment in "John Bull" on Apl 20th. They have the sworn information of two young gentlemen who have visited your first floor (you have no doubt read the first of the series of articles which appeared last Wednesday — I thought possibly you would like to know the source of information & the means of avoiding publication. If so pray call to see me I can keep any appointment tomorrow (Tuesday) at this address. The interview of course must be strictly private as my information is only for your ear. If you decide to make an appointment Crozier Rd is facing St Thomas' Hospital.

Yours truly
A Hobbs

I soon discovered who had cleaned the windows "some years ago." I obtained receipted bills for the cleaning, and the receipted bills—signed, Charles Curzon—are in the same handwriting as A. Hobbs. Charles Curzon, of 9, Crozier Street, Lambeth, S.E., is a despicable blackmailer, and for the information of the police, I—here and now—denounce him as such. The public have a right to be protected from men of this infamous type, and I therefore put upon the police a double obligation—not only to see to it that Queenie Gerald is speedily brought within the purview of the law, but that Charles Curzon, alias A. Hobbs, is laid by the heels.

As was stated by Mr. Charles Palmer in the article he wrote two weeks ago, our purpose is not one of personal persecution. But we repeat that in the public interest an example should be made; and we ask again why this notorious woman, Queenie Gerald, is permitted, in spite of complaints to continue her operations. No. 9, Maddox Street is one of the worst places in London. We make not the slightest imputation on either the landlord or the other tenants of No. 9; indeed, we have good reason for knowing that they deserve our sympathy. What we do say is that the facts are so notorious that the police have to justify their inaction and to prove, if they can, their ignorance—culpable ignorance at the best—of the antecedents and present pursuits of this woman, the nature of her occupation, and the character of her flat.

And something perhaps may be forthcoming as to the reasons for allowing her to pass under an assumed name during the time when "Dora" enjoined upon everyone correct nomenclature. Would it be believed—the Telephone book is proof—that this creature, who assumed the title of Honourable without the smallest warranty, has dared to make the best, or worst, of both worlds? In the recent civil suit, she admitted she took the name of the Honourable Geraldine Gayner. The "Honourable," she believed, belonged to a soldier serving in the Army in the Black Sea, to whom she was not married. But in the Telephone book, she is careful to add her notorious initials as a hint to any who wants to know who she really is. There she figures as the "Honourable Geraldine Q. G. Gayner."

I forbear, for the moment, to make any further revelations. Enough was written in the Press and spoken in Parliament when she was sent to prison, in 1913, to justify the police in being particularly vigilant where the "Honourable Geraldine Q. G. Gayner" is concerned. Have they been vigilant? Has any attempt been made, either by warning or by threat of prosecution, to close her pest-house, and to rid the West End of at least one of the beastly places where foul vices are practised of a kind which would revolt the mind of a decent animal? Exposure, as is seen, has bred blackmail. But the police can deal with Charles Curzon as they can deal with Queenie Gerald. Will they?

This much may be said in conclusion: that there is an amount of degeneracy in London which would appal any ordinary man of the world and would make the least squeamish ashamed. There are neighbourhoods in the West-end where alien pests live and flourish, and where young boys and girls are lured to lives of unmentionable shame. JOHN BULL, it may be repeated, is not, and never has been, an organ for the exposure of the ordinary vice of a great city, but it is determined to do its part in routing out these pests of society and of ridding London of the ghouls and harpies who pander to degenerate practices.

"It is cruel necessity that compels the public revelation of the horrible reality of the situation amongst the infant population of the Famine Areas of Europe. Voluntary effort can alone save the 5,000,000 imperilled, helpless children, thousands of whom are dying, and were we not told in cold print of the horrors that are daily and hourly occurring, we could not realise the dreadful urgency of the appeal which is made to-day to every Briton who has a spark of pity or generosity."

THOUSANDS OF CHILDREN UNDER THREE YEARS OF AGE

CONDEMNED TO DEATH!

Report from a Death Centre in the Famine Area of Europe:—

"News is just to hand that only those children between three and five can be helped; the mites under three must be abandoned to Starvation, for there will not be enough food to go round if these are included."

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Will YOU Help to Save One, at Least, of these Little Ones Who must otherwise be Left to DIE?

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Millions of poor, helpless children are in daily, *hourly* danger of a cruel death from starvation and disease. *There is not enough food to go round.* It has been necessary deliberately to select which children shall be saved and which must be left to die.

In all the long History of the human race there has never been so poignant—so truly awful a situation.

The piteous cries and moans of innocent little sufferers are sounding in all directions. Frantic mothers whose emaciated condition precludes the possibility of feeding their infant children stretch forth appealing arms for food and succour to save their loved ones.

In some centres, despite heroic rescue work, *there are THOUSANDS of dying little ones and only food enough for a few HUNDREDS!*

That Civilisation should ever permit helpless little children to be deliberately abandoned to starvation we never dreamed in the hour of our victory.

Another helpless Child is Dead—ANOTHER and ANOTHER while you read. Think of your responsibility—it is within your power to save such lives.

A TERRIBLE CRISIS.

But the crisis has come. Whole future generations of our fellow-citizens of Europe are threatened with extermination. Shall we stand by and allow this to go on? Shall we rest content with what we have achieved *when precious human lives can be saved for a few shillings each?*

"Oh, God! that bread should be so dear and flesh and blood so cheap," sang Tom Hood, in his pathetic appeal for the working women of our slums. How much more tragic now when poor, innocent BABIES are paying the penalty!

Our docks are choked with food. Every restaurant and shop is overflowing with good things. *Almost every household in this country* has a plenteous larder. But in other less fortunate countries of Europe swift and terrible catastrophe has darkened the bright skies of Treaties, and whole communities are exposed to the fury of plague and famine.

IT IS WITHIN YOUR POWER TO SAVE LIFE.

Yet each of you who read can save a life, two lives, three, a hundred or a thousand, according to your means. You need sacrifice nothing—though Heaven knows if a sacrifice were wanted it would be a thousand times worth the making. All you are asked to do is *to send what you can afford—NOW*, without hesitation, without demur.

On the swiftness of your response depends valuable young lives, the saving of that desperate agony that only parents bereaved can ever know, the rescue from humiliation, suffering, and squalor of millions of little ones who are perishing almost every moment. Even as you read now another grave will be dug—and another—and another! Mother Earth in the Famine Area is receiving thousands of cruelly slain children whom her ruined crops cannot maintain with life.

Everything is ready for instant rescue. The "Save the Children" Fund, under the Chairmanship of Lord Weardale, is making tremendous efforts to cope with the situation, and already, this year, over £250,000 has been contributed to help the little ones in all Famine areas, irrespective of Race, Politics, or Religion. The money has been distributed through approved Relief Societies; for every £1 so spent the Government has given another £1.

Whatever you can spare will be applied at once—without delay—without Red Tape, without wastage of a single penny. Food is ready—clothing is ready. Only *your* generosity is wanted to release it for the relief of these innocent victims of the aftermath of war. *EVERY donation is put on Active Service in twenty-four hours.*

You can argue the rights and wrongs of the case *after* you have sent. To do so before is to slay the objects of your relief with futile words.

THE UNANIMOUS SUPPORT OF EVERY CREED AND RELIGION.

The "Save the Children" Fund is the only Relief Organisation which has the unanimous and wholehearted support of all creeds, religions, and races. The Archbishop of Canterbury, His Holiness the Pope, Dr. Arthur Guttery (President of the National Free Church Council), The Chief Rabbi, General Smuts, The Bishop of Oxford—every distinguished Leader of Religion and Humanity has listened to the appeal.

SHALL WE SIT AT OUR MEALS HAUNTED BY THOSE WE COULD HAVE SAVED?

There are ghosts at our feasts to-day. Every hour swells their total and multiplies them. Each haggard, emaciated face is symbolic of the most acute suffering. It represents a poor, helpless child, cruelly done to death by Famine, Cold and exposure amidst surroundings of the most unspeakable squalor. If our ears were attuned to the distance, we should hear every moment a chorus of agonised cries, the wailing of countless stricken children and the awful outcry of Mothers who have been twice, three times, and four times bereaved.

The great call to our humanity and pity surely cannot fail to stir every generous feeling in our hearts. Nobody is asked to deny themselves. Shillings count as well as pounds. But **it must be to-day.**

SAVE THE CHILDREN FUND

OBJECTS—To Help the Children throughout the Famine Area.

PATRONS:

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To LORD WEARDALE,

Chairman of Committee of "Save the Children Fund," Room 146, 26, Golden Square, Regent St., London, W.1.

Sir,—I would like to help the Starving Children in the Famine Areas of Europe and Asia Minor and enclose ..... as a donation to the "Save the Children Fund."

NAME.....

ADDRESS.....

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N.B.—Offers of assistance and co-operation are invited from Public Men and Leaders of Society—anyone, in fact, who has in the past assisted to raise Funds in the form of Local Subscription Lists, Charity Social Events, Dances, Whist Drives, Concerts, etc. Every true Britisher—man, woman or child—should recognise the immediate need of help and volunteer to do what they can—AT ONCE.

The SUNDAY EVENING TELEGRAM—the only Sunday evening paper.

THE MOUNTAIN AND THE MOUSE.

Tho' Germany owes us a mountain of debt,
We've got to be thankful for what we can get;
We may expect something as big as a house,
But the thing that arrives is the size of a mouse.

HOITY TOITY!

SWELLED HEADS UNDER MARLOW POLICEMEN'S HELMETS.

It appears that the Marlow Police have extraordinary ideas of their own dignity and importance which only serve to cover them with ridicule and make them unpopular in the little riverside town. In order to raise funds for a much-needed new fire engine, a comic football match was played the other day between a team of local sportsmen and the Fire Brigade. Because one of the players dressed up as a comic policeman, a "make-up" often used by medical and other students in a "rag," he—although a well-known resident—was solemnly arrested by a zealous constable on leaving the field and haled off to the Station. There he was kept until he had succeeded in obtaining civilian clothes in which to go home—our latest information being that the Inspector, possibly dubious as to his exact powers in the matter, is still "considering" the affair.

But the Inspector's Prussian worship of uniform—even a comic one—didn't end here. Another player, dressed to represent "Old Bill," was subjected to considerable rudeness on the part of this official because he had omitted to detach the "G.S." Army buttons from his tunic. In order that his zeal might not fall short of that of his superior, the constable rounded off a good afternoon's work by taking the names of two subscribers to the fire engine fund who had left their cars outside the football ground. The Marlow Police may rest assured of one fact—that their unconscious actions are calculated to cast more discredit on the Force than can be brought by any "comic" policeman.

GROSS INJUSTICE.

THREE MONTHS' HARD LABOUR ON BARE SUSPICION.

Charged at the Sunderland Borough Police Court with "frequenting the Roker Park Football Ground for the purpose of picking pockets," John Freeman, aged 21, pleaded "Not Guilty." The evidence against him was of the flimsiest description. It was admitted that he had been in the company of a man previously convicted of theft, but there was no evidence that he knew the man's character, or had been associated in any way with his nefarious operations. As was well said by the defending solicitor, "There had never previously been a charge of dishonesty against Freeman, and at the most there was nothing more than suspicion."

The utter weakness of the case was quite apparent, but the Magistrates were not going to admit anything of the sort, and, in binding the defendant over for six months in the sum of £10, intimated their pious intention "to give him another chance to leave his associates and lead an honest life." And a fine chance he got. Within a few weeks, Freeman was back again at the Police Court, and upon the uncorroborated statements of the police that he had been seen in the company of persons of bad character, was sent to prison for three months with hard labour—the evidence on this occasion being even more unsatisfactory than that upon the original charge, no weight being given to the fact that the lad had been working when he could obtain employment. Such severity towards a youth against whom no single charge of crime had been proved can only be described as a travesty of justice.

NOSEY NANCIES.

FEMALE "MESSENGERS'" UNWHOLESOME ACTIVITIES.

During the war the prying Janes had a golden opportunity; it was so nice to call upon Mrs. Tommy Atkins, and, in her husband's absence, to point out her sins. Usually, of course, the dear ladies represented some philanthropic association, and if Mrs. Atkins was patient and could recite her catechism satisfactorily, there might be some little "recognition" of her sterling worth. That these impertinent and generally unwelcome activities have not entirely ceased is evident from certain communications we have received from a Buckinghamshire village lately invaded in force by a strong party of Nosey Nancies, described as "Messengers" from some weird organisation whose correct name we have been unable to discover.

"These messengers," states one correspondent, with natural wrath, "invited themselves into our homes at the most inconvenient times, and asked no end of questions. One, an unmarried woman, had the audacity to tell me how I should bring up my child, a girl aged 5 years. I plainly told her I did not require advice, but she continued to ask questions, wanting to know all my business, what my husband was, etc., etc." Although consisting for the most part of elderly spinsters, it appears that the members of this precious "mission" were prepared to rush in where the wisest mothers will tread with caution; for instance, one inquisitive visitor wanted to know "whether there were any young girls in the village who had just left school, as she wanted to talk to them about certain things." Could anything be nastier?

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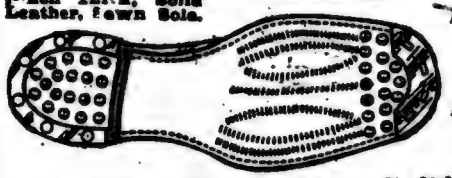

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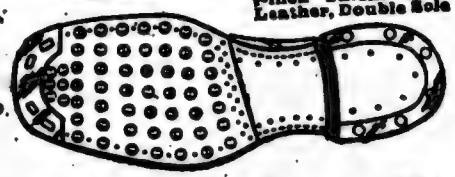

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Letters for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of communications and replies to other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 22.

Branding Army Horses.

The army system of branding horses should be revised. If a man marks an animal by hitting it, and it shows a weal, he is dealt with by law—but what of the pain to a horse when it is branded on neck and quarters—a most cruel practice, and creating an eyesore to all lovers of dumb animals? The railway system of branding on the hoof is much more humane and as easy for reference.—ALBERT KELLY, Southern St., Manchester.

The Increasing Burden.

I have six children, and the eldest boy, twelve years old, has been earning 5s. a week for cleaning shoes, etc., one hour before school and one hour after. He had to finish on Saturday, April 10th, as the new Education Act came into force on the Monday—also, the bread has gone up, which makes matters harder. If the Government are so anxious to keep children at school, why not make a grant to people who have large families and are trying to bring them up respectably?—(Mrs.) A. ESCOTT, Alveston, nr. Bristol.

Wasted Fruit.

In view of the excellent prospects of a fruit season, a co-operative scheme of transport and distribution should be organised whereby the glut of fruit in the country could benefit large towns. Huge consignments of colonial and foreign fruit are imported yearly, while our own products rot. In recent times, growers have been compelled to give valuable foodstuff to cattle, or let it waste. Many growers would be glad to give fruit away, but are unable to do so owing to transport difficulties.—F. TAYLOR, Gordon Villa, Charlbury, Oxon.

Numbered Roads.

For the convenience of motorists and others, why not have all the main roads numbered and by-roads sub-numbered to the main road, and number all milestones consecutively—on similar lines to the French system? As an example:—Main Road, London to Liverpool, would be numbered, say, 2. Distressed motorist wishes to communicate his locality—his "S.O.S." would read something like this: "Stranded, Road 2—Milestone 99." If on by-road Number 4 at milestone 8, his message would read, "Road 2—by-road 4—milestone 8."—CYRIL STELFOX, The Embankment, Bedford.

German Humbug.

"Berlin, April 8th," reports:—"The Minister of the Interior to-day requested the State Government to disband the Reichswehr in accordance with the Peace Treaty, as soon as possible. *Where necessary, substitute organisations should be formed.*" How long shall we allow the Huns to fool us? France is right; she sees the danger at her doors. Until the German has been deprived of every war weapon, his fortresses and arsenals rendered useless and his war criminals executed, no Allied power can safely disarm. No disarmed League of Nations could control the tiger of Europe! Is it for the victors to beg the Hun kindly to disarm? A thousand times no! Compel him by his own god, "Force"—as in like case he would do with us.—DENNIS A. LOCKWOOD, Argyle Street, Derby.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. Harold B. Evans.

Tax the Aliens.

As an Englishman temporarily resident in Switzerland, I have to pay an Entrance Tax of 20 francs, also what is known as "Kurtaz," of 40 centimes per day. I suggest that the authorities at home should act in a similar manner, and that all foreigners entering England should pay £1 per head, also a weekly tax of 2s. or 2s. 6d. This would tend to keep out many undesirable aliens.—C. COLLIER, Davos Platz, Switzerland.

Motor-Driving Licences.

As the law stands, anyone who is possessed of 5s., a stamp value 1½d., and has managed to keep outside a lunatic asylum, can procure a driving licence for a motor-car or cycle. Is this "in the public interest"? Surely some kind of elementary test should be applied to each applicant—in view of the tremendously greater road transport, and also the enormous increase of motorists—if we are to keep the casualty lists within reasonable limits.—(Miss) E. E. WILLIAMS, St. Alban's School, Pontypool.

Census and Referendum.

During our recent political history, the question of a referendum has frequently cropped up. The Government's excuse for not granting one has always been that the "machinery" for such a purpose is too tedious and costly. Since we *must* have this expensive and tedious "machinery" set up next year in order to take the Census, why not combine utility and economy by adding the following questions to the Census Paper?

(1) Do you want Premium Bonds?
(2) Are you in favour of Nationalisation?
(3) Do you want Prohibition?

HAROLD B. EVANS, Gordon Road, Handsworth.

Pensions Book Delays.

The many ex-Service men drawing their pension from the Post Office are seriously inconvenienced by the long delay usually occurring in the issue of a new payment book. As soon as his old book has become void, a man must wait for an indefinite period before a new one is issued from Baker Street, and meanwhile he is unable to draw even a fraction of his pension, and often suffers great distress.—H. SMITH, Cannon Street, St. Albans.

National Accountancy.

A Government appointment that would give universal satisfaction is the engagement of some well-known master-mind in accountancy, to make a thorough and unbiased investigation into the country's financial affairs, and tell us just how we stand. We want no "cooked" Report—no manipulations of figures—no camouflage, but a plain unvarnished statement—such a statement as that prepared for partners in a firm, or shareholders in a company. Such a service would willingly be paid for.—W. AUCHTERLONIE HARDIE, Bellfield Road, Stirling.

Married Man's Strike Vote.

On strike ballot papers why cannot a married man's vote count as two against the one vote of a single man? A married man has more than double the amount of responsibility upon his shoulders; he has got his wife and children to think about, and the amount of strike pay, especially at its present value, is not sufficient to purchase food, let alone clothing, during the strike period. Give the married man what is due to him—a double-counting vote against the one of the irresponsible unmarried man!—WALTER RANDLE, Shirebrook, nr. Mansfield, Notts.

Those American Women.

The Press has recently published pictures of American women marching past the Capitol at Washington carrying banners inscribed "Americans, you cannot afford to maintain treaties with English Assassins," and "Prevent the massacre impending in Ireland by abrogating all treaties with England." Would not the American women have shown up to better advantage displaying similar banners in 1914, urging their countrymen to help to stop the German invasion into Belgium and all the horrors following?—MABEL T. WOOLLEY, Alnwick, Northumberland.

Poor Folks' Luxuries.

Has it ever occurred to the Premier and his teetotal friends how much they are responsible for the present "Labour unrest"? Before the war I could purchase two pints of beer, half an ounce of tobacco and a box of matches for sixpence—say, three and sixpence a week pocket money; to-day the cost of the same things is fifteen shillings. That's an impossible amount, as you have to give your wife more at home—so you stick out for more money from your employer. Is it necessary to tax the poor man's luxuries to keep an expensive Liquor Control Board?—M. SYKES, Little Sandhurst, Berks.

Real Educational Reform.

Why should a boy-clerk, in order to better himself, have to go to night-school to learn vital subjects like Shorthand and Commercial French? After a day's work in the office, this study throws a great strain on a boy's mind. These subjects, and all business methods, are *ignored* in Elementary and even Secondary Schools, where young minds are crammed with Algebra, Geometry, etc., which a boy, once he leaves school, forgets as quickly as he can. We want drastic changes in our methods of education, and we want them now.—M. ROSSITTER, East Bank, Stamford Hill.

Fighting the Scourge.

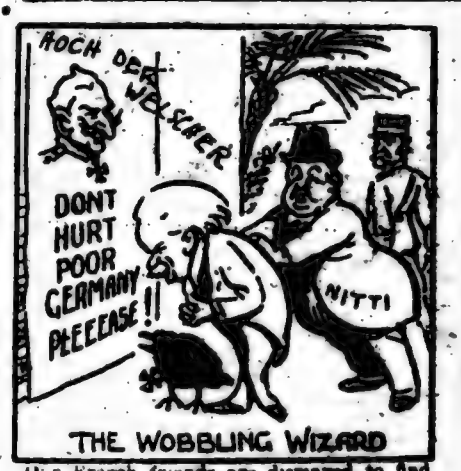
The public is aroused to the necessity of preventing and combating the evils of venereal disease, and as the two greatest organisations are at variance as to the procedure to attain these ends, I suggest that every town, on reaching a certain size and population, institute a museum on the lines of the now-famous Liverpool one. Then, as children leave school at 16, they could be taken there, girls one day and boys another, by a competent tutor and so derive infinitely better information than that now obtained from doubtful sources, which would impress itself indelibly on their minds. Prevention is the best cure.—JOHN W. COCKHILL, Magpie Hall Rd., Chatham.

"JOHN BULL'S" WEEKLY CINEMA.

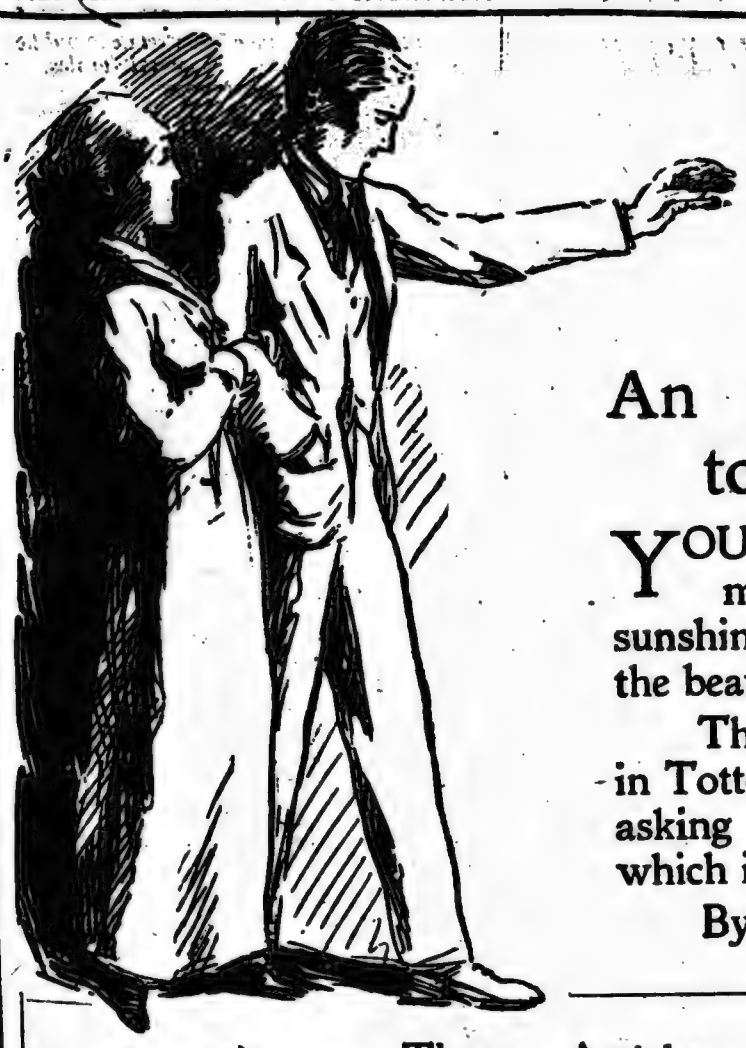
Poor Austen really doesn't know
What makes the money quickly go!

His rebate, sorrowfully he thinks,
He cannot even spend on drinks.

The profiteers don't view with glee
The spread of fashion's last decree.



Our French friends are dismayed to find
Our so-called statesmen deaf and blind.



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An Appeal on Behalf of the Blind to the Readers of "John Bull."

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The sightless men and women at the famous Blind Institute in Tottenham Court Road are appealing to *you* for help—they are asking *you* to send a contribution towards the £30,000 Fund, which is urgently needed for the extension of their premises.

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Before you turn over this page make up your mind to send YOUR contribution towards the £30,000 Fund which is so urgently needed for the Blind. Please take up your pen and fill in the coupon NOW.

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I enclose Cheque / Postal Order for £ s. d. as a contribution towards the £30,000 Appeal for the Blind.

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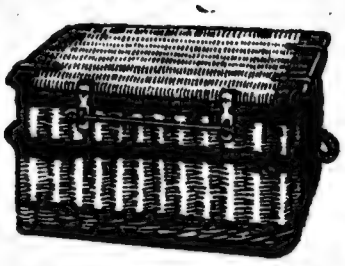

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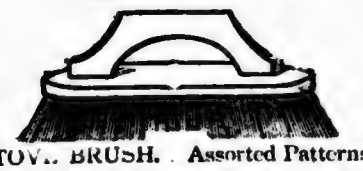

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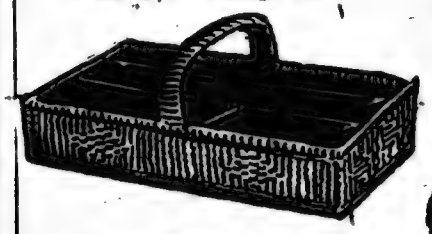

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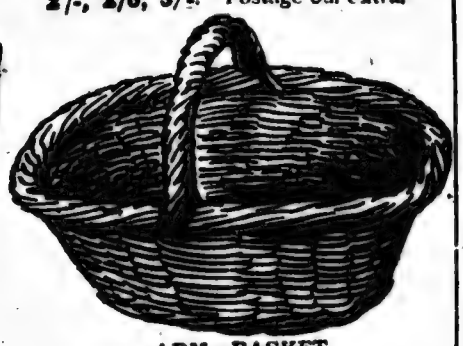

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GRAVE BY-ELECTION SCANDAL.

THE story I am about to tell is an echo of the recent By-election at Stockport. It will serve to illustrate once more the corruption and dishonesty of the Party system under which we are governed. A short time ago, Mr. Spencer Leigh Hughes, one of the members for the Borough, died—whereupon, of course, an election became necessary for the purpose of filling the vacancy. Stockport, however, is a two-member constituency, the other representative of the Borough being Mr. G. J. Wardle, originally a member of the Labour Party, but who has for some years past occupied various Government positions, and was at the date of this particular vacancy occuring filling the post of Parliamentary Secretary to the Ministry of Labour. On the announcement of the vacancy, I decided to contest the seat in the interests of an Independent candidate, as I had so successfully done in the Wrekin Division of Shropshire; and, in due course, Mr. A. G. Kindell—an experienced business man—issued an Address to the electors, and under my auspices started his campaign. But although it was announced that Sir Leo Chiozza Money intended to stand in the Labour interest—he was unfortunately ill at the time—no Coalition candidate actually put in an appearance. The late Member had been a Liberal, and the local caucus of that colour claimed that they were entitled to nominate his successor. On the other hand, the Unionists—who had secured many notable successes in recent Municipal elections—declined to recognise this claim, and although the Coalition Liberal had been officially "selected," there was a deadlock. Whilst these squabbles were proceeding, and Sir Leo Chiozza Money was recovering his health, Mr. Kindell was making such rapid headway that the Government Whips became alarmed—their advices being that "Stockport would be another Wrekin." And now comes the sordid story I have to tell.

Shamming Sick.

I have mentioned that the second member for the Borough was Mr. Wardle—who, mark you, had been elected as its Labour Member. Well, what do you think happened? As the Liberals insisted upon running their man, and the Unionists were obdurate and many of them were threatening to vote for Mr. Kindell, a corrupt and sinister scheme was hatched. Mr. Wardle, under the specious plea of ill-health, was induced to resign in order that there might be a double vacancy, and that the Unionists could then also run their man, and thus dish the Independent candidate. As a matter of fact, Mr. Wardle's illness was an absolute sham. I defy him or the Government Whips to produce any medical evidence that he was in any way unfit for the continuance of his official duties. But that is only one aspect of the matter. I want to know what special inducements were offered to him to abandon both his seat in the House and his official position at a salary of £1,200 a year. Did they take the form of a financial consideration, or the promise of another comfortable job—or both? For their own credit the Coalition Whips should clear up the nasty rumours which are circulating round the Lobbies on the subject. I know something about the manipulation of Party funds, and the giving of doles and bribes for Party purposes, and I say without a moment's hesitation that a sordid and discreditable bargain was struck between the Coalition Whips and Mr. Wardle for the sole purpose of destroying the chanoes of the Independent candidate—and thus saving the Government from a repetition of the Wrekin catastrophe. I am aware that this statement, if untrue, constitutes a serious libel upon both Mr. Wardle and the Government Whips, and I challenge them to institute proceedings against me in respect of it.

Contradict if they Dare.

And let me say this—the people are suspecting the Party system, which has been the cause of so many of the political ills to which the country has become heir. The war, it was hoped, would finally shatter the sham, and from the ashes of the great conflagration would rise men who wanted nothing but the good of their constituents and the welfare of the country—when, to quote the well-worn but pregnant phrase, "None are for Party and all are for the State." Yet see what happens. Immediately an attempt is made to give a constituency another opportunity of testing the wishes of the electors, and of repeating, if needs be, the signal victory for independence won by Mr. Charles Palmer in Shropshire—the Party manipulators set to work and organised as discreditable a piece of jerrymandering as has ever besmirched the already sordid records of Party politics. I have made my charge and stated my facts. Let the Whips contradict them if they dare!

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By THE ED

TWO BROKE IDOL

THE two most unpopular men in France to-day are Lloyd George and Woodrow Wilson. It is a wonderful metamorphosis as compared with the situation even a year ago. At that time my warnings as to the futility of the Fourteen Points were deprecated in the French press just as they were over here; whilst, as regards Mr. Lloyd George, I was accused of rank blasphemy when I suggested that Britain had been spoofed by Germany over the question of Indemnities, the punishment of war criminals, and other matters. And I shall never forget my inmost sentiments when, standing aloof from the whole House, at the side of the Speaker's chair—I had quietly vacated my seat in order to avoid taking part in the entertainment—I witnessed several hundred excited Members of Parliament shouting themselves hoarse in honour of the Welsh Wizard who had brought back with him the Peace of Versailles. The only part of the ceremony in which I permitted myself to join was the singing of God Save the King—I felt the invocation to be so necessary! Upon my word, as I look back over the pages of this journal since the date of the Armistice eighteen months ago, I am tempted to claim that if some of my prophecies during the war were falsified by the mess and muddle of the politicians, I am entitled to reclaim my mantle to-day. However, let that pass. What I want to emphasise now is the fact that a most dangerous and delicate situation has arisen between our French allies and ourselves. We are positively hated in Paris. Indeed, so deep is the feeling there that I doubt if Mr. Lloyd George would dare to visit the city. That is why he went to San Remo *viâ* Marseilles. Rightly or wrongly he is regarded as a pro-German, and in spite of the latest and inspired assurances of "agreement" at San Remo about disarmament and reparation, his recent references to "sick and paralysed" Germany have irritated all France, which is equally indignant at his declarations that so far there has been no breach of the Treaty, that there is no need at all for economic pressure to enforce its observance, and that in some respects it is too hard and cruel.

What the French are Asking.

Frenchmen are already asking whether the Prime Minister has forgotten the terrible ravages and outrages and devastations of Northern France, and her million and a half sons now sleeping in their graves. And this view is reflected throughout the French press. As I write, I have before me the famous *Cri de Paris*. On the front page I find a cartoon representing Germany as an old woman wearing a Prussian helmet, presumably intended as a parody of "Mrs. Partington," sweeping away the Treaty of Versailles and a lot of other "rubbish" described as "Reparations," "Indemnities," "Notes" and other trifles—whilst under the cartoon is the satirical phrase: "Lloyd George is a jolly good fellow!" On another page of the same paper I read: "No one can ignore the fact that Mr. Lloyd George is very clever: nevertheless, he is not such a big person as he imagines. Pride is his great failing. He was doubtless very surprised to learn that M. Millerand had acted without his formal authority; M. Clemenceau had been accustomed to show him more condescension. Mr. Lloyd George, as a sign of his annoyance, has made up his mind to go to San Remo by sea—he who can never cross the Channel without suffering from sea sickness! . . . Mr. Lloyd George and Lord Curzon have therefore decided to make a splash; they should have remembered, however, that if we have acted on the Rhine without asking their permission, they set the example for us at Constantinople. But we were courteous enough not to shout our annoyance from the house-tops." Then I turn to *Le Journal* of 19th April, and under the ironical heading "The Misunderstanding Dissipated" there is a cartoon representing Lloyd George as saying to the French Prime Minister:

And About."

Matters of Public Importance.

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"I understand that you propose installing yourselves at Frankfort—just as we have done at Constantinople." And I could go on quoting paper after paper written in the same spirit, all indicating the complete change of attitude which has come over the mind of our Ally towards its quondam British hero. The only consolation I can gather is that these journals are practically unanimous in the view that our Government's present antics are not representative of British public opinion—and my own recent article on this subject, "Hands Across the Channel," is pointed to as being much more indicative of that opinion than what is now happening at San Remo. Let me here quote a letter from a well-informed French correspondent: "So strong is the feeling here that I prefer not to speak English in the streets. People are saying that Lloyd George had better go and love the Huns in their own country; they laugh at the idea of a little Welsh lawyer discussing high military problems with a man like Foch." Not nice reading, is it? And as regards Mr. Wilson, the feeling is no better. Long before he returned home, French confidence in him was waning, and it is now generally recognised that by forcing his ridiculous "ideals" upon the Peace Conference he to a large extent nullified the fruits of the war. Personally, I lean to the view that in his present attitude towards the late enemy Mr. Lloyd George has been greatly encouraged by the amazing and lamentable declarations of Mr. Asquith during the Paisley Election. It will be remembered that the ex-Premier expressed the opinion that the Allies had been too hard upon Germany—that she can never afford to pay even the trivial amounts stipulated for in the Treaty—that she must receive help in every possible way in recovering her trade and prosperity; in other words, that almost before the blood is washed from her hands we should embrace and kiss and be friends! This is not the view of France, and certainly not the view of its patriotic Prime Minister. Nor, I am certain, is it the view of the British people. How true are becoming those warning words, "They will fool you in the end, those Junkers," so frequently impressed upon our memory by their constant reiteration in the *Daily Mail!* And they are doing it beyond a doubt.

Lloyd George's Ponderous Piffle.

Meanwhile, our Government goes blindly on. However much Germany may defy us, there is to be no "economic pressure involving stoppage of food, as there is enough starvation in Germany already," says our tender-hearted Prime-Minister. And when asked to be a little more specific, we get this characteristically cryptic answer: "If a breach of the Treaty related to disarmament, that would probably require one method of redress"—"probably" is distinctly good, whatever the "method" may be!—whilst "if the breach related to the non-delivery of coal, a different method must be employed"! This is the sort of ponderous piffle which already fills a hundred weighty tomes of Peace talk. Then listen to this: "The time may come when Germany would become formidable again, but the idea that she is a serious menace to the security of the Allies is at the present moment fantastic." That is just the sort of nonsense we talked before the war. Doesn't it really occur to Mr. Lloyd George that the Allies must take steps to see that Germany never again *can* become formidable? And now, on the other hand, listen to the soldier—the soldier who wanted no Armistice nonsense on the eleventh of November, nineteen-eighteen, and would have preferred, with Marshal Haig, to go straight on to Berlin and finish the job. So far from consenting to Germany having a larger army, he himself is calling upon the Allies to increase their troops in the various occupied zones by at least three hundred thousand men "for the purpose of enforcing the terms of the Treaty." Oh, for a Business Government!

A BUNGLED BUDGET.

WHEN, on coming out of the House into the Lobby after Mr. Chamberlain's speech, I was asked by the pressmen what I thought of the Budget, I replied: "It is all wrong," and I announced my intention, if its proposals found their way into the Finance Bill—which has to be passed to give legal effect to them—of taking the unusual course of moving its rejection. To that intention I adhere. It is a bad Budget—a silly Budget; and I am astounded that Mr. Asquith, with all his parliamentary and dialectical skill, should have missed the opportunity of "making good" by riddling it with the shot and shell of relentless criticism. It is a Budget based on False Figures, Fanciful "Facts" and Preposterous Predictions. I have no intention to-day of indulging in any detailed criticism of Mr. Chamberlain's latest exploit. When the Finance Bill comes before the House I shall seek an opportunity of justifying the objections which I entertain to the Budget as a whole, and which I shall content myself for the moment with specifying.

A Leap in the Dark.

First, I say that the whole financial structure of the National Balance Sheet, as propounded by the Chancellor of the Exchequer, is a mere piece of colossal guesswork; and Mr. Chamberlain in the past has not been good at guessing. In October last he was compelled to revise practically the whole of the estimates of his previous Budget, and even then the revenue for the financial year ending March 31st was 140 millions out. And after making allowances for all exceptional circumstances, there was an utterly inexcusable error of 30 millions in Customs, of 15 millions in Excise, and of 10 millions in Stamps! Yet a dazzled House of Commons sat with open mouths swallowing Mr. Chamberlain's estimates and predictions for the new financial year—which I have not a moment's hesitation in saying he will at an early date be called upon to revise. That, then, is my first point. Next, I say that the figures of the Budget are, in City parlance, "faked" by the inclusion of items representing the sale of surplus war stock, and treating them as revenue. But for this device the deficit on the year would have amounted to 590 millions, or 300 millions more than shown by the Budget. Then as regards the estimated Surplus as the result of the new taxation—such Surplus being "available for the reduction of debt"—I have two observations to make. First, the estimate is based on the assumption that the increased taxes will in no way affect consumption, and, secondly, that if it be realised they will be earmarked for debt reduction. I say now, and I am glad to be able to put it into cold print, that there is no more chance of our debt being reduced, in the course of the current year by 234 millions, as estimated by Mr. Chamberlain, than there is of that right honourable gentleman jumping over the moon.

A Breach of Faith.

And what about the retention and the increase in the Excess Profits duty? Was there ever a greater breach of faith with the commercial community? I have before me, as I write, the speech of the Chancellor of the Exchequer when introducing his Budget a year ago. I cannot understand how he came to overlook it before coming to the House with his new Budget. It contains a scathing and unanswerable condemnation of the whole principle of this tax—and I have never known a more complete *volte face* on the part of any Minister. The Corporation Tax, too, coming on the top of the Excess Profits Duty, is a monstrous injustice to the small investor—whilst I leave Mr. Chamberlain to settle matters with the Co-operative Societies, which have hitherto been immune from profit tax. Then take the increased wine duties. Is it really worth while, for the insignificant sum they will produce, further to irritate our ally, France? And so I could continue. But I turn for one moment to the other side of the account and look in vain for any evidence of reduced expenditure in our public Departments or for any example on the part of the Government of that rigid economy they are so fond of preaching. Altogether, it is a very bad Budget, and I shall have a few plain and pertinent—perhaps impertinent—words to say about it before it finds its way to the Statute Book. I object to the public being hoodwinked over finance at home as they have been disgracefully deceived over that Germany Indemnity. Of course, Mr. Chamberlain has not allowed a farthing in his Budget receipts as coming from Germany. Our late enemy promised to pay the cost of the occupation of the Rhine. She has not paid a farthing. We are sending money to our soldiers—and Cologne is growing rich as the result. What a humbugging farce it all is!

PITY THE POOR EDITOR!

SOME PUZZLES FROM OUR LETTER BAG WHICH WE ARE ASKED TO SOLVE.

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There was from 20 to 30 years ago a firm of drapers in Oxford Street by the name of Marsh. What were the initials? Is this firm still in existence and is it the same director? Is the City News Rooms, situated in Ludgate Circus 20 or 30 years ago, still in existence, and what was this establishment? Who is Mr. Marsh, the owner of Bruce Lodge? His age? And is he related to the above firm?

Will you please write me a few remarks suitable for a bridegroom to make in reply to the toast "The Bride and Bridegroom"?

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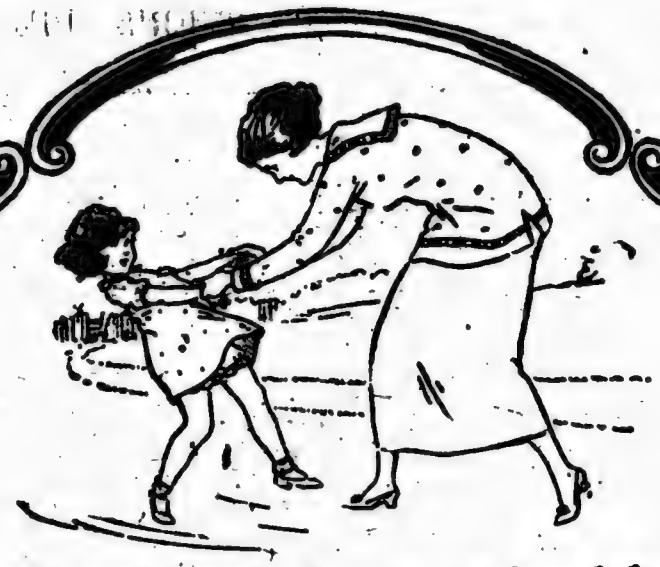

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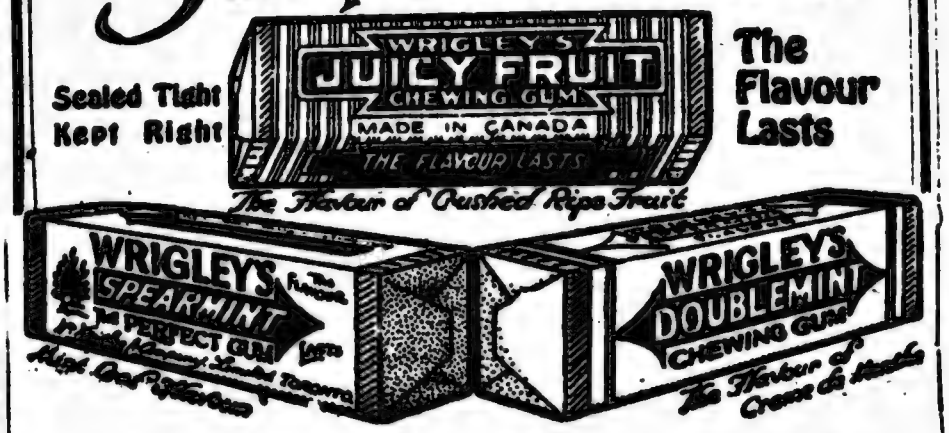

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RACING, FOOTBALL, BOXING AND OTHER SPORTING NOTES.

RACING.

Much depends on the state of the going at Newmarket this week. In the event of the turf being no firmer than it was a fortnight ago, the Two Thousand Guineas situation will indeed be a complex one. Writing so many days in advance of the race, there is no telling what conditions afoot will prevail. Given a dry top surface, then we shall look to Tetratema to redeem his character and win the first of the season's classics. Soft, like it was at Newbury, where the famous grey never once got into a swinging stride, then the "Guineas" may go to either Paragon or Lacrosse. Both these bays have wintered uncommonly well, a fact that was commented on in this column the best part of a month ago. The recent victories of Corn Sack and Roman Bachelor speak eloquently for the chance of Paragon. Before Corn Sack went to Epsom and carried off the City and Suburban Paragon was galloped with him. True, Sir Ernest Paget's classic colt finished half a length behind them; but as Arthur Smith was up in that spin he is not likely to have been receiving much weight from his stable companions. Then again with Roman Bachelor, also in the stable, it is difficult to see how Gilpin is to make a mistake with Paragon, who would become my alternative selection to Tetratema in the event of the going being again heavy at headquarters.

As to the sister race—the One Thousand Guineas—this event will be far less open, providing Bright Folly goes to the post fit and well and fancied by Barling, her trainer. She was vastly superior to all the two-year-olds of her own sex last year. Unless she has been affected by the mild epidemic that has been preventing Lord Glanely's handicap horses from showing their correct form, Bright Folly should not be seriously troubled. In the event of his deciding to allow her a little more time, then His Majesty's filly, LEMONADE, would become my chosen. Stamina is thought to be the *forte* of the Egerton House-trained filly.

Luck often comes to the rescue of the handicapper, and we learn that a short time ago Chat Tor met with a slight accident. Whether the injury is a serious one and will affect his chance for the Chester Cup we shall know in the course of a day or so. He had, however, to be eased off in his work. Happy Man is progressing to the satisfaction of his trainer for next Wednesday's contest—but, going to the post fit and well, he will have something to do to beat Chat Tor should the latter turn out to be Taylor's chosen for the race.

Follow "Minting" and Win.

We extend hearty congratulations to our gallant little Sunday contemporary, the *National News*. Their racing expert "Minting" is in fine winning form, and his coded selections are always "on the spot." The *National News* was the only Sunday paper to give Corn Sack for the City and Suburban, and "Minting" also coded it on Wednesday morning. On the same day, "Minting" gave Palmella (won at 5 to 1), and Furia (won at 2 to 1). On Friday, he coded Gerunda (won at 100 to 8), and in his selections also gave Valkyrian (won at 10 to 1), and Whole Schoolday (won at 4 to 1).

LAWN TENNIS.

There is a local lawn tennis club in London which has a waiting list of over a hundred. The same cry of "full up" is heard everywhere in connection with the "game that grows."

Surely the time has arrived for the launching of a Lawn Tennis Umpires' Association, similar to that which works so well in America, in order that fully-qualified officials should be available for the leading events, and also have the weight of authority behind them. A greater need, however, would appear to be an Umpires' Protection Association.

CRICKET.

Our fickle climate permitting, cricket will assume more than its pre-war interest this summer. The Saturday starts in the County games should be immensely popular, whilst the recruits at the 'Varsities from the Public Schools appear to be of exceptional merit.

What the first-class game needs, however, is more bowling talent. The majority of cricketers attach more glory to getting runs than to getting the other fellows out—and yet your true bowler will tell you that there is nothing more fascinating than his art.

WEEK'S RACING SELECTIONS.

NEWMARKET—WEDNESDAY.
Bretby Handicap—SANTAQUEST.
Wilbraham Plate—MEG MERRILIES.
Two Thousand—TETRATEMA.
Chippenham Plate—*SORGHUM.

NEWMARKET—THURSDAY.
Peel Handicap—KING SOL.
Littleport Plate—LADY CAROLINE.
Newmarket Plate—*NAPOLYON.

NEWMARKET—FRIDAY.
Brinkley Welter—PICK'NY.
One Thousand—BRIGHT FOLLY.
May Plate—TULLABEG.
Mildenhall Plate—*MISS MADCAP.

HURST PARK—SATURDAY.
Palace Plate—CYLENIUS.
Victoria Cup—UGLY DUCKLING.
May Day Welter—GAMBLE.
Paradise Plate—*POLUMETIS.

FOOTBALL.

If the wider interests of the professional game are to be considered, something ought to be done. Southern League football has degenerated in quality, whilst the competition has undoubtedly lost caste by its clubs kicking over the traces with a view to deserting it for the Second League. Meanwhile, other clubs are so poverty-stricken as to be on the verge of collapse. Somehow or other, the Southern League has failed to grip the public imagination.

BOXING.

Kay, the Anzac who was beaten by Johnny Basham recently, has not yet revealed his true form. Britain is going to hear a lot more of him yet.

In the Midlands boxing is now on the boom, thanks to JOHN BULL's search for champions, and London will see men from all quarters arriving in search of fame and dollars—just as in the old days, when the short-haired gentry who sported the "bird's-eye" all made a beeline for the Metropolis. This is all for the good of the sport.

There is coming along a ten-stone youngster named Charley Needle, who will prick the bubble of a good many Metropolitan reputations—when he is sharpened up a bit. The cleverest of the ten-stone division will not fill the eye of this "needle" too easily.

JOHN BULL's great London Competition is still held up for a little while, pending arrangements for a suitable hall—but the entries are pouring in.

Dick Smith is getting right into the limelight these days. He's a clean fighter, and, anyway, he stayed in the ring with Carpentier longer than any of our more fashionable heavyweights.

A public subscription has been started in the Midlands to purchase a belt representing the Amateur Championship of the Provinces, to be presented to Mr. Mark Ryan, to hold against the amateur world of boxing. Mr. Ryan is a grand sportsman, six feet in height, scaling thirteen stone, fit and well; a fine swimmer and water-polo player, as well as a boxer—a man of the John Bull breed, respected by rich and poor—and loved by most.

The controversy as to which is the best welter—Johnny Basham or Kid Lewis—will soon be settled, the two having signed to meet over the championship course during this month—probably the 15th. The purse is one of £5,000—tremendously large for men of their weight; but in these days of big purses for less interesting contests, it is fully deserved. It is sure to be a needle event—and, fine fighter as "Kid" is, our fancy is for our own Welter Champion.

Jimmy Wilde has shown America that he is the "real goods," and not a past number—as they judged him to be—on his first fight, when the "newspaper decision" went against him. He has had seven fights since, which have netted him £8,000—and there is more to come.

Sharkey is talking about 12,000 dollars as his share to meet the "Welsh Terror," and if Wilde fixes up anything he will assuredly want as much—if not a bit more. And there is the Herman bout in the offing, which will mean another "bag of dollars."

BILLIARDS.

In some friendly games with Mannock last week, Diggle showed that, when he stirred himself, he could wield the cue as daintily and as cleverly as ever. The popular player has been much missed in recent years, although he is such an ardent looker-on at the leading matches as to be known as the "Champion Spectator."

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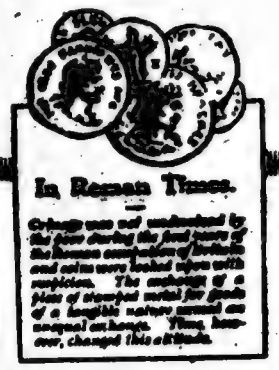
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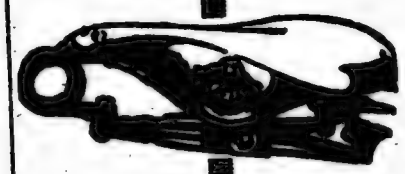

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"TOMMY."

Back Us!—We have been the soldier's pal for six very hard years, sometimes against big odds. But we have always carried on and done things to help Tommy. Still carry on, boys, and let us know what you want! You will not be served only in JOHN BULL, but in the House.

Just So!—Last week we mentioned the men who re-engaged for two, three or four years with a bounty, the first instalment to be paid on attestation, the remainder in equal instalments on the 31st of March in each of the succeeding years. We have inquired at headquarters as to why the money due on 31st March last has not been received, and are told that owing to muddle and incompetence the matter has been overlooked, and the cash is not likely to be parted with for some weeks yet. We must bring this scandal before the House.

Rather Unfair:—According to a new Army Order, troops now proceeding on leave must pay their own fares. Long before this Order was issued men were due Christmas and Easter leave with free travelling warrants. They are now being granted their belated furlough, but are being done out of the free warrants. Is this English justice, or is it a Treasury ramp?

On the Rhine:—Our boys in Germany want to get hold of the responsible or irresponsible persons who write to the papers stating that they are "on the pig's back" and "in the hay" as regards food, treatment, and sports. It is quite the contrary, and now if a Rhine soldier obtains leave to come home he has to pay his own fare—a matter of about £10. Another War Office pictorial poster showing the "advantages" blown to the winds!

"JACK."

At Last:—The Admiralty is about to share out the prize money. Discharged men should apply to the Accountant-General of the Navy, Cornwall House, Stamford Street, S.E.1., and R.N.R. ratings to their Registrar.

Salvage Money:—Awards are in the hands of the Accountant-General for the officers and crews of H.M. drifter *Gleam of Hope* for salving the s.s. *Canalegas*, and for H.M. tugs *Zaree*, *Plunger* and *Ictor* for similar services in connection with the s.s. *Sif*.

An Unhappy Wanderer:—There are murmurs of discontent on the lower deck of H.M.S. *Wanderer*, at Greenore, mainly on account of leave. The men state that the pipe tootles for Chief Petty Officers and Petty Officers to go ashore for a "stretch on the mud"; but when *they* ask for leave, they are turned down on one pretext or another. Small matters like this make for happiness or unhappiness, but perhaps the skipper wishes to prevent his men from falling into the hands of the Sinn Feiners.

Our Daily "Thank You"

From W. L. A., Denbigh.

Sir,—I wish to thank you for your valuable and prompt assistance in my case with the Pensions Issue Office. Previous to writing you I had written the Pensions Issue Office on a number of occasions, but without receiving any reply. Thanks to your intervention, my case was settled, and all arrears paid within three days of writing you. Wishing your journal every success.

"THE SILVER BADGERS."

Secretaries of Discharged Sailors' and Soldiers' organisations, in sending cases of injustice or other information, should mark their envelopes "Silver Badgers."

Reprisals!—We recently referred to a resolution of the Clonmel Board of Guardians, declaring that no policeman or soldier would be given assistance in their hospital. Lo and behold, although Clonmel is a nest of treason, the returned soldiers visited the board-room when the next meeting was in progress, wrecked the "show," and outed the rebels who cast the obnoxious vote!

Poor Fellows!—The blind men who started out from the provinces on their march to London are now with us. The civilians and the ex-soldiers of the party have important questions to discuss with the authorities, and we echo the hope expressed by Mr. Charles Palmer in the House—that they will get a thoroughly sympathetic hearing. After all, our blind citizens, whether they served or not, should be a first charge on the nation.

A Grantham Grouse:—A number of men under notice of discharge from Messrs. Ruston and Hornsby's engineering works at Grantham have sent us their combined case. They tell us that at one time they were considered indispensable, but now the firm cannot carry on with them. As the men in question are ex-soldiers, we trust every effort will be made to retain them.

"Not His Fault":—With reference to the paragraph in our issue under this heading, we are informed that, as a matter of fact, Messrs. Tubbs, Hiscocks and Co., the firm referred to, did continue the allowance to the wife of their employee called to the Colours until February last, when he was demobbed, and that they then offered him another post, which he did not see his way to accept. We have pleasure in publishing this explanation.

"The Greatest of These—"

Clothe the Naked!—We are painfully aware that in these days clothing is expensive, but we regret to note the decrease in the number of parcels sent for the benefit of those of our applicants who are not only hungry and destitute, but "in rags." Day by day, also, we are appealed to for coverings for newly-born or expected babies, and are sorry to have to say that this department—hitherto well supported—shows a similar falling off. The reading of a letter of thanks sent to us by the grateful recipient would, we are sure, be regarded as adequate reward by those who lend us their support.

Among the numerous cases we assisted during the week were the following.—

Poor Chap:—A down-and-out ex-soldier has a consumptive wife recently confined, and three young children. He merely asked for money to purchase wood to split up and sell.

Badly Off:—An ex-soldier cannot find work, owing to his wounds. He has a wife and four youngsters.

In the Throes:—A woman, whose husband is a cripple, has recently undergone three operations and cannot work. She has three infants, and naturally was overwhelmed with debts.

The Many:—Ex-Service men, whose Government help has been exhausted, have sold and pawned their wretched belongings to make ends meet, whilst their wives have pledged their wedding rings—the last horrible sacrifice to be made by even the poorest of the poor. Such cases we are glad to assist.

Rock Bottom:—An ex-soldier, without pension—but with a wife and five children—cannot find work, and when he visited us armed with a guarantee from a clergyman the larder was empty—everything that the pawnbroker would accept was pledged, rent was owing, and they were on the eve of eviction.

STARVATION IN SIGHT.

(A case typical of the many of distress and hardship which have been relieved by our Fund during the week.)

What will a brave-hearted woman not endure in the effort to keep a home together for her helpless little ones? Only this week the assistance of our "Greatest of These" Fund has been invoked on behalf of a mother at Wood Green, struggling to maintain an invalid husband and five children under the age of nine years. The effort has been a cruel tax upon the poor woman's none too robust health; yet worse than any bodily fatigue is her agony of mind as she witnesses the tragic failure of the struggle, the gradual ebbing of her husband's feeble strength, and the unmistakable evidences of want upon the faces of her hungry children. The man's trouble is epilepsy, and the doctor can give no assurance that he will be able within any measurable period to resume the role of breadwinner. Meanwhile, the mother's earning capacity is inadequate to the support of a family of six persons, and the spectre of starvation is at the very door. The scarcity of cash means the exhaustion of credit. An unpaid account at the baker's spells imminent hunger, while the fact that the rent has fallen into arrears, although only to the extent of a pound or so, adds still another anxiety to the mother's burdened mind. In such cases as this a grant from our Fund has a value not to be measured only in terms of money. It serves, as many grateful acknowledgments prove, to put fresh hope into despairing hearts and to lend new courage to the victims of adversity. So potent is the magic of human sympathy when yoked with such practical assistance as the generosity of our readers enables us to afford. Never was there a truer saying—truer now than ever—than that "a little help is worth a deal of pity."

[The object of our Fund is to relieve (a) the dependents of our Soldiers and Sailors, and (b) suffering amongst the poor generally. No genuine appeal is ever refused, and although we see to it that adequate proof is presented in every case relieved, no harassing or degrading questions are put to applicants. Will you please help? All subscriptions or gifts of clothes, etc., should be addressed to The Hon. Treasurer, "Greatest of These" Fund, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

WHAT HAVE *YOU* GIVEN?

No observant reader will have failed to notice that our list of subscriptions is falling off, every week practically showing a decline. And the need is still as great as ever—even more so, as the Out-of-Work Donation to ex-Service men is being cut off, whilst civilian sufferers are now within the scope of the Fund.

Mrs. A. D. (Christchurch), £20; E. G. M. (Liverpool), 5s.; "A Disabled Tommy" (Bootle), 1s.; E. O. B., 1s.; Mrs. G. (Bath), 1s.; P. W. (Battersea), 1s.; "S. M. Wormit," 10s.; "Old Contemptible" (Kent), 5s.; T. B. (Manchester), 5s. 1½d.; L. F. (Bermondsey), 2s.; E. G. (Macclesfield), 5s.; E. T. (Penge), 2s.; "For Many Mercies," 5s.; J. S. (Botley), 2s. 6d.; M. B. (Bedford), 1s. 6d.; "Magnet," £1 1s.; "A Well Wisher" (Bristol), 2s. 6d.; W. N. R. (Hornsea) 5s.; "A War Widow," 1s.; "Well Wisher" (Bradford), 6d.; Pte C. C., 4s.; Mrs. M. H. (E. Dulwich), £1; Mrs. D., £1.; W. S. (Shanghai), 7s.; Mrs. C. (Birmingham), 1s.; W. H. W. (Portishead), 5s. Anon., 6d.; L. L. (Lerwick), 10s.; "Ex-Minesweeper" (Lowestoft), 1s. 6d.; "In Memory of John and Mary," 10s.; Anon., 2s. 6d.; E. B., 2s.; "Ex-Royal Marine" (Bristol), 2s.; W. T., 4s.; "Signal," 2s.; B. M. (Harlesden), 1s. 6d.; K. F. F., 10s.; C. T. (Hackney), 1s.; F. E. B. (Bournemouth), 1s.; "John Bull and His Dog," 5s.; "In Memory of Shaykyt," £3.; M. D., 10s.; G. A. F. (Glasgow), £5.; J. P. B., 10s.; W. A. (Grimsby), 2s. 6d.; "In Memory of My Two Brave Brothers S. and C.," £5.; "A True Sympathiser" (Ferozepore), 7s. 6d.; "A Constant Reader" (Leeds), 1s.; G. M. H. (Manchester), 10s.; "New Poor" (Westbourne Park), 2s.; A. H. M. 12s. 6d.; J. S. (Newcastle-on-Tyne), 8s. 6d.; J. B., 5s.; R. S. (Crowthorne), 5s.; A. S., 1s.; J. G. (Middlesbrough), 2s.; "M," 1s.; "Too Late," 5s.; C. T., 2s.; J. B. W. (Wealdstone), 2s.; "In Remembrance of Daddy" (Whitley Bay), 5s.; H. S. C. (Chatham), 5s.; E. D. (Wimbledon), 3s.; "In Loving Memory of Plimsoll," 2s. 6d.; "A.B. Swear League, s.s. *Marksbury*," £1 15s.; "Tyneside," £1.; "Antis Yank," 10s.; "S. Ealing Reader" 2s.; "Narn," 1s.; "W," £1. "Anglo-Scot," 10s.; J. C. K. (Folkestone), 5s.; "Cranford," 2s. 6d. W. N. S., 2s. 6d.; H. R. S., 2s.; B. S. 2s.; "Square," £5.

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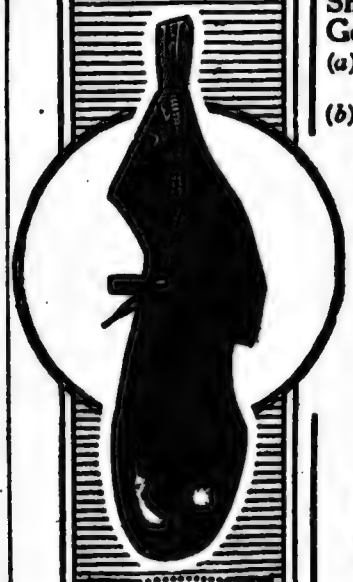

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FINANCIAL NOTES—AND ADVICE TO INVESTORS.

BY OUR CITY EDITOR.

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Economic Homes.

While the Ministry of Health and local authorities are wrangling about the Housing problem, private enterprise, properly directed, will possibly take the matter into its own hands, and that would certainly be the best solution. The formation of a company with this object, entitled "Pemberton-Billing Economic Homes, Ltd.," is therefore very welcome. It has a capital of £250,000, of which £220,000, in 8 per cent. tax free participating shares of £1 each, is offered for subscription, and it acquires some 50 patents in connection with Mr. Pemberton-Billing's heating, cooking, and ventilating systems, which have been favourably reported on by such authorities as Professor A. H. Barker, Mrs. Annie Mole, and Messrs. Griggs & Son, whilst at recent exhibitions the practical efficiency of this economic system has been successfully demonstrated. Mr. Pemberton-Billing's efforts to bring up-to-date our domestic heating arrangements will undoubtedly be watched with the keenest interest by all concerned with the Housing problem.

Solving the Coal Problem.

The Company proposes to build substantial houses, fitted with the patent heating and cooking installation, at prices ranging from £600, all designed to qualify for the Government's gift of £150. The houses will have open fires in every sitting-room, radiators in every bedroom, an efficient cooking range, and hot water day and night. The whole of these comforts and conveniences are obtained on a total consumption of approximately one ordinary kitchen fire. Subscribers' orders for houses will receive priority, and the scheme seems of such an eminently practical character that it deserves the heartiest support.

A Capital Levy Scheme.

Messrs. George Clare & Co. have conceived a brilliant idea for paying off the floating debt without disturbing capital, abolishing the excess profits duty, and insuring workers against unemployment. It sounds rather like a patent medicine—or magic—but it is nothing of the kind. All you have to do is to revalue your assets, clap 10 per cent. on to your capital, and hand over this 10 per cent. to a Government Trust. This Trust would issue 6 per cent. Participating Preference shares to pay off the floating debt, and half the surplus profits would be devoted to unemployment insurance. It is quite simple.

THAT INTOLERABLE BUDGET.

Primarily, all the Budget trouble arises from trying to saddle the nation with an expenditure of £1,184,000,000 in the second year after the end of the Great War. Deduct £345,000,000 for interest on War Loans and other National debts, and there remains roughly £840,000,000 as the cost of running the country, or just about five times the pre-war figure. That is a grievous affliction. It is perhaps too late in the day to bemoan the burden of expenditure which the House of Commons has sanctioned, although at least one-third of it represents sheer waste in the shape of doles or subsidies, and other excrescences of bureaucracy. If these could have been eliminated the Chancellor must have dispensed with increased taxation and fairly claimed that he was making a start in the repayment of debt. As it is he does put forward that claim, but it is quite illusory. By treating some £310,000,000 of assets as "revenue" he pats himself on the back in a "what a good boy am I" style, and produces a "surplus" of £234,000,000, when as a matter of fact there is a deficit of £76,000,000! That kind of finance will bring even the British Empire to perdition if it is persisted in.

And the methods of raising the additional taxation are equally objectionable. It remains to be seen whether beer, wine and spirits can stand the higher duties imposed, but in any case the vicious system of control which puts most of the plunder of the consumer into a few pockets will have to be abolished. The increased stamp duties on share capital and share transfers are bound to restrict business, and the peddling advances in postal and telegraph rates are likely to have the same effect. These, however, are small matters compared with the re-imposition of a 60 per cent. tax on excess profits.

This tax is admitted to be as unsound in principle as its incidence has proved unfair in practice, and it was only tolerated as a war measure which would be dropped at the earliest possible moment. But there is no hope of this in Mr. Chamberlain's scheme of finance, unless he can cajole the Committee into formulating some method for making a levy on war wealth. Then we have the 5 per cent. tax on Corporation profits, which will press heavily on ordinary shareholders in small companies. The principle, if carefully worked out in detail, might pass muster nowadays, but it means that shareholders will be mulcted thrice over.

First Fruits of 7 per cent.

It was inevitable that the advance in the Bank rate to 7 per cent. should disturb the valuation basis of gilt-edged securities, and the failure of the two most prominent Loans on offer when the move was made became a foregone conclusion. All the same, few people would have cared to predict that only 10 per cent. of the London County Council Bonds would be subscribed by the public, leaving the underwriters to take up 90 per cent. Dealings consequently started at 2 discount on the issue price of 95, in spite of the fact that it is understood that several of the big insurance companies were among the largest underwriters, and they do not worry about temporary market fluctuations. Birmingham was more fortunate, the lists having been open some days before the rise in the Bank rate occurred, and the public took 60 per cent. of the issue. In this case, the stock, which was offered at 98, fell only a point—but even so, the result is not very encouraging, and a few more examples of this kind will choke off the public entirely. What is the use of trying to save ½ per cent. brokers' commission, by applying direct, if the stock can be purchased a point or two cheaper immediately afterwards? Not very promising, is it?

Housing Bonds.

Apparently the Treasury forgot all about the campaign to place Housing Bonds (temporarily postponed owing to the Prime Minister's absence), when it forced the Bank of England to put up the official rate of discount to 7 per cent. There is precious little chance of raising money at 6 per cent., in these circumstances. Indeed, I see that the Kent County Council, which had projected a fairly ambitious housing scheme, can neither get a loan underwritten, nor obtain a sufficient advance from its bankers on any terms. Bedford is in even a worse plight, whether owing to pig-headedness or official muddling is not quite clear. At any rate, the Ministry of Health has pounced on it—and jumped on it—for failing to build houses, and the unfortunate citizens are threatened with an increase of 1s. 6d. in their rates as a consequence. The position that has arisen would be grotesque if it were not tragic, but some means will have to be found to put things on a proper footing. How it can be done, I have no idea, the people who created the tangle will have to unravel it—if they can—and good luck to them in what is a somewhat forlorn hope!

OUR FINANCIAL LETTER BAG.

EDITORIAL REPLIES.

(All enquiries must be accompanied by a postal order for 1s., and bear the full name and address of correspondent as evidence of good faith.)

G. H. G. (Balkis).—These shares were merely recommended as a gamble; it would be worth while seeing it through, and I think you might buy to average. *Maikop Pipeline* can only be kept for the present; I should not like to advise a further purchase under existing conditions. *Hurst Nelson* are quite good; do not worry about them. *Local Loans* follow the course of all Government securities. There would be no advantage in exchanging, and they will improve some day.——A. D. R. (Shawlands).—*Modder East:* Hold on; in my opinion the shares are likely to go better.——W. K. (Calcutta).—*Charing Cross Bank:* There is no chance of the shareholders getting anything. The Liquidator, I believe, is nursing the railway, but it is suspended in mid-air and nobody will pay sixpence for it. The fact is, it is a liability—not an asset.——DEE (Fishguard).—*Cyprus Oil:* I think the Company has a good chance, and I should hold on. Of course you understand it is speculative.——J. M. W. (Paignton).—*N.S. Wales Stock:* Hold on.——T. D. (Redhill).—*Tebbitt Bros.*: It looks a sound commercial business, and I think the shares are a good investment of their class.——D. J. (Rhondda).—*London and Edinburgh Re-Insurance*: Probably you would do better to cut your loss. *British Window Glass* shares had better be left alone. *Graham, Marsh and Co.* are sheer swindlers and nothing else.——R. R. (Denny).—*Maypole Dairy:* The price mentioned is "ex rights." There will be a most horrible slump one of these days.——WEST END (Greenock).—*Black Sea Amalgamated*: Prospects are extremely uncertain; if you have a heavy loss you should certainly hold a bit longer on the chance of an improvement.——F. H. N. S. (Warrenpoint).—I think you should be content with some Corporation stock, such as *Birmingham 6 per cent.*, which can be purchased under par. Shares giving a yield of 10 per cent. are decidedly speculative; and although you must be lucky, you would risk losing a good part of your money.——T. L. (Aberdeen).—*Bradford Dyers:* The outlook is good, and as the reserve stands at a round million a bonus distribution would not be surprising.—C. H. R. (Whitford).—*Farrow's Bank:* I believe it is perfectly sound. Why not invest your money in Government or Corporation stocks?——A. L. B. (Eastbourne).—*Investments:* I think you should put the money into either Victory Bonds or London County Council 5½ p.c. Bonds.——E. R. (Leeds).—*Globe Telegraph & Trust* is a thoroughly sound investment which should be kept. *Imperial Continental Gas* is certain to improve when conditions are more favourable, although that will take time. *Primitiva Gas* has been shockingly ill-treated by the City of Buenos Aires, but a sort of settlement has been arrived at and the outlook is improving.——H. S. (Grimsby).—*B. S. A.* 12-year notes and *Wolseley* debenture stock are perfectly sound investments. *Textile Corporation* shares are more speculative, but the immediate prospects are good.——J. M. (Gateshead).—*French Loans:* I regard these as attractive investments and Cunliffe Russell & Co. are a reliable firm.

(A considerable number of replies are held over for lack of space, but every endeavour is being made to answe. them promptly by post.)

ADVERTISERS' ANNOUNCEMENTS.

COMPANY MEETING.

MAYPOLE DAIRY COMPANY, LIMITED.

CAUSES OF THE BUTTER SHORTAGE.

The 22nd annual general meeting of the Ordinary shareholders of the Maypole Dairy Company, Limited, was held on April 21st, at Winchester House, Old Broad-street, E.C., Sir W. George Watson, Bt. (chairman of the Company), presiding.

The chairman said:—Ladies and gentlemen, with your permission we will adopt our usual plan and take the report and balance-sheet as read. We have had rising markets during the latter half of the past year, but within the last two months, owing largely to the improvement in the British exchange, the cost to us of the raw materials we use in our factories has fallen in the producing countries. We shall hope soon to be using these cheaper goods, and so be enabled to reduce our prices to the public. I am now very hopeful that, provided competitive trading is allowed, we shall see lower prices for some food products during the current year, possibly before the European crops are gathered. With more plentiful supplies competition will be more severely felt. This will be to the advantage of everybody, more especially to the consuming portion of the community. Without competition it is difficult to prevent extravagance, and business is apt to become both unprogressive and uninteresting.

Effect of Government Control of Butter.

I am hopeful that the Government will soon see the wisdom of withdrawing the control from butter and allow free imports and free trading in that important food. We shall then be able to supply consumers with their full requirements of butter at lower prices and with better quality. Government control of perishable articles prevents consumers getting the goods promptly, and the delay causes deterioration in quality in perishable articles like butter, bacon, meat, etc. (Hear, hear.) When goods are in sufficient supply I consider the consumers' interests are best served by free competition. It is only during a war period of scarcity that Government control and rationing is necessary to ensure that every one gets a share of the available supplies and to prevent manufacturers and distributors exploiting the necessities of the consumer. Control prices must necessarily be fixed high enough to prevent loss to the most uneconomical manufacturers and distributors, and to cover the cost of the control. In consequence of this the prices paid by the consumer are increased, and the profits of most manufacturers and distributors are necessarily enhanced during a period of control.

When free import and trading in butter is allowed, Maypole will again import high-class Danish butter from their own buying stations in Denmark. Latterly, large quantities of Maypole's Danish butter have gone direct to America. This is one of the causes of the shortage of butter in the United Kingdom. In pre-war days Denmark was the largest supplier of butter to the British market, and I therefore hope that Maypole may soon be allowed to supply it again direct to their stores in England.

Co-partnership and Profit-sharing with Employees.

I am pleased to be able to report that our employees now hold over 670,000 Maypole Trust shares, and we hope to be able to continue to keep them interested in the shares of the Company, and so stimulate their personal interest in the success of our companies. I do not believe in flat rates of pay which ignore ability or productive output, nor do I believe in flat prices for food which ignore quality and prevent healthy competition.

The Turnover.

The value of the sales made by our British companies during the year exceeded £31,000,000. The net profit shown on our balance-sheet represents less than 3½ per cent. on these sales, and is considerably less than ½d. per lb. on the weight of the goods manufactured and sold. We do not fear competition, whilst we are in a position to give better value than those of our competitors who do not possess our unique manufacturing and distributing facilities and so long as we can maintain this large turnover and low rate of profit on sales.

In spite of the great increase in the cost of raw materials we have not increased the price of best Maypole margarine to the consumer above 1s. 1d. per lb. Our old customers flocked back to Maypole stores immediately the control of margarine was lifted in order to again obtain the "Maypole" value and quality. (Hear, hear.)

The advance in the cost of our raw materials was largely caused by the difficulties with the exchange in the producing countries. Most European countries are still suffering from high prices in a much greater degree than the United Kingdom, owing to the continuance of exchange difficulties in those countries.

I will now move:—"That the report and balance-sheet for the financial year ended December 27th, 1919, as certified by the auditors, Messrs. Whinney, Smith, and Whinney, be and is hereby confirmed and adopted, and that a final dividend for last year of 1s. 3d. per share (less income tax) be declared and paid on the Deferred Ordinary shares as issued on December 27th, 1919, such dividend to be paid to shareholders on or before May 8th next." I will ask Mr. Burton kindly to second that proposition, but before I put it to the meeting I shall be pleased to answer any questions that any shareholder may think well to ask.

The resolution was unanimously carried.

The retiring directors, Mr. G. F. Jackson, Mr. J. A. Watson, and Mr. P. O. Watson, were unanimously re-elected, and Mr. J. B. Wakefield was elected to a seat on the board as a managing director.

Cordial votes of thanks were then passed to the managing directors and the staff, also to the chairman and other directors, and the proceedings terminated.

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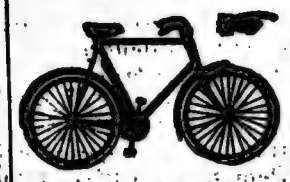

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C. H. B. (British Columbia).—Not a bad story, that, of the boy who gained a reputation for strength by watching till the stubborn cork began to move and then offering to assist the drawer. Did you say the bright lad's name was Wilson?

G. S. (Hendon).—Our invitation to readers to criticise the new "make up" of our leader page was quite seriously intended, and we are obliged by your comments.

"PARK LANE."—Your postcard *re* Stockport to hand. You are evidently the funny man they have been looking for.

J. S. H. (Regina, Sask.).—"The dirty pro-German work of Hearst is bearing fruit." It will be rotten before it is ripe.

W. S. M. (Hove).—"The starving children of Central Europe are paying not for *our* victory, but for the abominable deeds of *their* fathers." Exactly, but some so-called Englishmen and Englishwomen are more concerned in German children than in the hungry babes of our unemployed ex-soldiers.

"KESTREL" (N.W.).—"I have a practical proposition for increasing the revenue. Will you entertain it?" If you mean our personal revenue, we are on it like a bird.

"BEREAVED MOTHER" (Didsbury).—We deeply appreciate your comments upon our Easter article. May the memory of your gallant son comfort you all your days.

CPL. W. G. (Upper Norwood).—"Your article, 'Hands Across the Channel,' should be put on the screen at every cinema in England and France." We have not the remotest objection.

M. H. (Rochester).—"Has Labour coming into its own made you uneasy?" Not a bit. But some sections of Labour seem to want the whole cheese.

S. J. V. (Singapore).—By all means call for a handshake and a chin-wag when you next come home.

J. C. B. (Calgary).—Glad Canada approves of the stand we are making against Yankee swank. As you say, the United States have no right to arrogate the term "American" to themselves.

D. R. M. (Victoria, B.C., Can.), *re* our recent article on the U.S.A., compliments us on our backbone. Our backbone has never troubled us. It's our embonpoint.

"COUNCIL."—"Unless the miners' demands are complied with and foodstuffs, etc., etc., brought down to a reasonable price, England will be in a revolution commencing June, 1920." Note made of the coal-black outlook.

S. W. B. (Winnipeg).—"Three cheers for Mr. Palmer on the Wrekin result." It is nice to hear the cheers ringing across from Canada.

"EXILE" (Bicksburg, Miss., U.S.A.).—"The only Englishman outwardly popular in this hybrid—not high bred—aggregation of States is the lick-spittle variety who kow-tows to the American ideal. Lord knows what that is." It's consoling to know that somebody knows.

"MEDICO" (U. Norwood).—As you say, the I.R. scheme for the taxation of war fortunes draws the malefactor and the benefactor into the same net. Your other points are noted.

H. J. (Montgomeryfield).—Thanks for congratulations. If it is true that "a man is as old as he feels," our age is about five-and-twenty.

A. J. R. (South Wales).—Your better plan as a beginner would be to submit your stories directly to editors without the intervention of any "Literary Agency." Let us hear from you when you have made your fortune.

"QUOTATOR" (Romford).—We note that our recent articles have "tickled your Adam's apple." Perhaps a little lime-juice would soothe the epiglottis.

T. T. W. (Aberystwyth).—"I doubt if a knowledge of the German language is a necessity." On the contrary, we are inclined to regard it as a mental disfigurement.

"ASSURANCE AGENT" (Acocks Green).—Glad you "approved of our attitude." For our part, we like your style.

A. B. (Holborn, W.C.).—We are every bit as severe as you on what you call "the blarsted sweaters." Sorry no room for poetry, our readers' appetite for same being rather dicky.

R. B. E. (Brighton).—Thanks for Limerick, which you may be interested to know is the 9,365th received since Christmas.

"A SUFFERER" (Mill Hill).—"Some of the milkmen here have been getting rich by milking the cows and the public at the same time." But it would be useless for us to "remind them that other folks wish to live." They would probably not recognise any such necessity.

"MANDIPER" (Somerset).—The primroses arrived in excellent condition. Accept best thanks of self and staff.

D. S. (Glasgow).—We have already dealt with the "Dutch" bulb-grower at Leipsic, and, as they say in the House of Commons, "have nothing to add."

"CASHIER" (Brixton).—"Take the millions that have gone into the miners' pocket." Wish we could.

"ALL ALONE" (Bexley Heath).—Send us in confidence your full name and address, and we will do our best to help you.

G. W. T. (North Berwick).—We sympathise with your suggestion that ex-soldiers making a living by hiring out motor-cars should be let off lightly in the matter of taxation, but the Chancellor of the Exchequer evidently thinks otherwise. Under the new Budget duties, even the abatement hitherto granted to doctors is abolished.

J. G. (Canada).—It does not worry us when a Yankee yellow journal says "German Navy Bested British." Let that newspaper go and be busted.

"ROBBED" (Gravesend).—Grocers who weigh the heavily sanded wrapping paper with the sugar are guilty of a very mean form of petty profiteering.

R. M. (Scottow).—Working in the dew and dust may plaster the farm-labourer with mud even in a dry summer; in which case he should wear gaiters—or buskins, as we believe you call 'em in Norfolk.

"FOOTBALLER" (Inverness).—The question is not whether the Invernessians speak Scotch, but how long the Pussy-footians will allow them to drink it.

"RED TRIANGLE" (Rosyth).—"Book-keeper and cashier wanted. Able to take charge. Wages £9 a month. Only those with experience need apply." The successful applicant may well pray every night and morning, "Deliver us not into temptation."

"REYNOLDS" (32, Stockwell Park Crescent).—So, after all, there was a misunderstanding in regard to your collie dog, you having offered to reimburse the finder his keep, which offer you gathered that she declined. All's well that ends well!

MRS. A. (London, E.17).—The Secretary of the Walthamstow War Pensions Committee tells us that they "have no children at present time to place into homes." No "unwanteds" in Walthamstow, evidently.

"WISDOM" (London).—"What's wrong with the world? Upside down? Why? Because of mankind's mental outlook." Your mental outlook is as clear as mud. Also next time you write don't daub the mustard on the paper.

"JAZZ" (Brixton).—What can you expect? Those who dance must sooner or later pay the chiropodist.

A. J. S. (Kingston-on-Thames).—We will consider your suggestion of asking our Sporting Editor to give a weekly "good thing" for the benefit of our "Greatest of These—" Fund. But suppose it lost?

"NOVICE" (Herne Bay).—"If I buy an article for £1 and sell it for £2, what percentage of profit do I make on the transaction?" Fifty per cent. on the turnover—at which the modern profiteer would turn up his nose.

MRS. S. (Uxbridge).—"There can be love if no marriages, but what a world it would *be*!" Our imagination boggles at the mere idea.

MRS. E. M. (Hoxton).—Surely bakers don't charge 8½d. a pound for bread unless they deliver it. Or have the profiteers down your way hit on the dodge of making their customers pay an extra halfpenny for cutting a two-pound loaf in half?

"INTERESTED" (Pendeen).—We agree that England must indeed "be in an awful state" if the Editor of the *Wexford People* be correct in stating that for every outrage such as the assassination of the Lord Mayor of Cork, "there are a hundred such murders committed in England." Personally, we hadn't noticed it.

M. C. F. (Bradford).—For a sick benefit of 14s. weekly, a quarterly premium of 12s. 7½d. strikes us as being a trifle stiff. Perhaps members of the United Patriots' National Benefit Society have to pay a bit extra for the grandiose name.

A. R. (Hammersmith).—In view of the purely philanthropic intention of their founder, the Rowton Houses are the last places we should have expected to put their rents up. An advance of 1s. 6d. per week for a bare cubicle strikes us as extortionate.

W. S. (Warminster).—If you, a journeyman tailor, with a wife and four youngsters, can earn only 30s. a week, it is time you gave your present employer the sack.

F. F. (Rickmansworth).—"A man never goes home so happy as when he has done a good day's work." That's true, and said like a book.

S. H. T. (Bromley).—"Could a bear run as fast as a horse?" Barely.

A. M. (Kettering).—If you can multiply £19 19s. 11½d. by £19 19s. 11½d. in your head, you are hot stuff at figures, and must have discovered a new definition of the word "multiplication." Ever heard of "square farthings"?

F. B. (Newport).—Not only did Lord Allenby "actually land" in this country, but was feted and honoured in London before his departure for Egypt. Looks as though you've been betting, naughty boy.

"SHEPHERD" (Slifnal).—Loss of earning capacity is the whole basis of awards under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, and if you are earning more than before the accident your claim would certainly fail.

"EYE WITNESS" (Upper Parkstone).—Four Town Councillors, all just tradesmen, examined a bus as to its fitness for passengers. One tapped the axle with his stick, and the bus was passed as safe. And then did they have a nice lunch out of the rates, for they had surely earned it?

T. W. P. (Sunderland).—Gas at 1s. 4d. a thousand cannot be called dear. Hope it burns nicely and doesn't soil the ceiling.

"OLD SOLDIER" (Silvertown).—"All the poor are not ignorant." Quite true; look at yourself for instance.

A. T. W. (Gateshead).—The North Eastern Railway is acting in accordance with Government instructions in deducting a shilling for "expenses" when refunding the value of an unused ticket, although it does seem an imposition. An object lesson in nationalisation!

G. E. K. (Nottingham).—Your claim for double pay for Sunday work was not unreasonable, and ought not to have resulted in the "sack." Are you sure you weren't sacrificed about it?

F. M. (Clapham Common).—An "O.B.E." being asked to subscribe to feed German children? O.B.D.!

W. G. (Plumstead).—You miss our point. We did not suggest that there was any serious difficulty in solving the problems set for School Attendance Officers by the L.C.C., but merely commented on the utter needlessness of applying such tests.

F. P. (Stalham).—If your wife has a baby and the doctor charges £8 8s. for attendance, we are afraid you will have to pay up, sooner or later. This is a case in which you can't very well say "As you were!"

MRS. L. L. (Rotherham).—If the old man who improperly molests your little daughter "is too well protected by his family connections for you to take action against him," your husband had better give him another thrashing.

W. B. (Manchester).—Your complaint has been covered by our recent Industrial Assurance articles, which by this time, no doubt, you have got off by heart.

A. J. C. (Bagshot).—Awfully good of you to send us "the substance for a few sarcastic remarks." You are a regular acid-drop, and no mistake.

J. E. L. (Newport St., W.C.).—From "a Frenchman born in London" your flattering reference to our recent article, "Hands Across the Channel," is greatly appreciated.

"ONE OF THE QUEUE" (Woodbridge).—Naturally you were disappointed at the failure of the "Seven V.C.s'" Concert Party to appear as advertised. Had they been kidnapped?

V. W. (Taunton).—"I should like you to have a blessing as I have had." Bless you!

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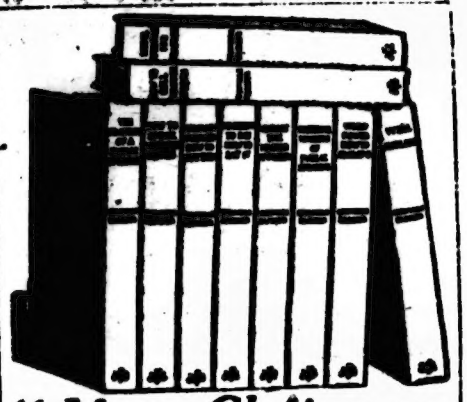

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No:_____ Closing Date, Thursday, May 13th.

Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

Bullet_____

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Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

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Example_____

Bullet_____

Example_____

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List of 10s. Prizewinners in "Bullets" Competition No. 371 will be published in next week's "Competitors' Journal." Complete List of all Cash and Other Prizewinners can be seen at the offices of "John Bull."

Result of 371st 'Bullets' Competition.

FIRST PRIZE OF £500:

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Example:—WINNING THE FIGHT.
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Bullet:—AMERICA WHILE BRITAIN'S "SADDLED."

THIRD PRIZE OF £10:

Mrs. M. PARTON,
Hints, Nr. Tamworth, Staffs.

Example:—ENEMY AT HOME.
Bullet:—GOVERNMENT NEGLECT.

10 PRIZES OF £5 EACH:

MR. W. CAMPBELL, 139, Beedell Avenue, Westcliff: GETTING READY—FRANCE—FOR "GERMAN EVASION."

MR. H. S. WILSON, 39, Mandale Road, Thornaby-on-Tees: PERMANENT OFFICIALS—SOMETIMES FORGET "COMMON HUMANITY."

MR. A. BRIGGS, 44, Ashley Street, Carlisle: STOCKPORT'S VERDICT—ANOTHER REPRIEVE FOR WASTERS.

SGT.-MAJOR W. H. KNIGHT, 24, Gordon Mans., S.E.5: SLACKING—GOING WITH THE STREAM.

MR. A. WILSON, 14, College Road, Bromley, Kent: WINNING THE FIGHT—LOSER "LET DOWN" HANDSOMELY.

MR. L. S. BISHOP, 6, Abberfirwd, Park View, Tredegar, Mon.: GIVING HER BEST—ENGLAND—FOR DURATION ONLY.

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MR. S. E. CONNOR, 41, Rathdrum Street, Lisburn Road, Belfast: OVERCROWDED—WITH "FIGHTING POWERS"—LEAGUE.

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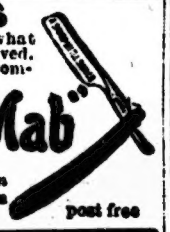

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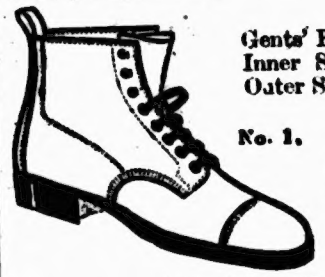

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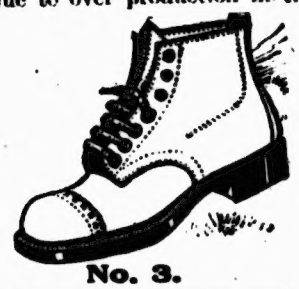

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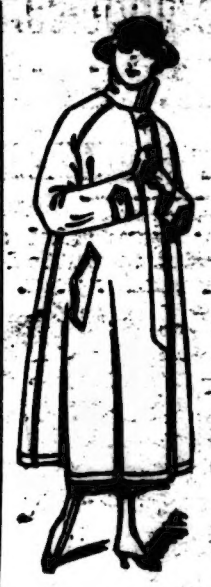

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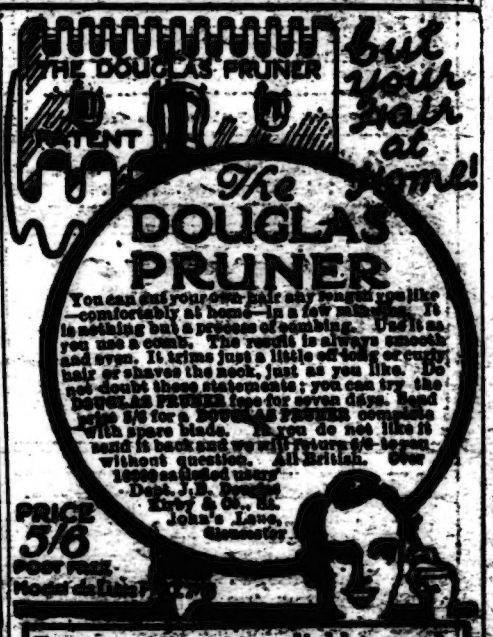

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